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SIKHS FALL IN LINE WITH CONGRESS

Decision To Enter Interim Govt.

Call To M. L. A.s To Stress Interests Of Community In Constituent Assembly

Panthic Board's Resolution And Col. Gill's Press Conference

AMRITSAR, August 14. (A.P.I.): The Sikhs have decided to enter the Constituent Assembly "when the opportunity comes" and to enter the Interim Government. After deliberations lasting two days, the supreme body of the Sikh community, the Panthic Board, sitting at the Golden temple decided to withdraw their previous decision to boycott the Assembly.

The decision was reached after two day's deliberations lasting altogether 12 hours and with the authority of fifty of the foremost leaders of the community.

GILL EXPLAINS

At the end of the momentous meeting, Col. Niranjan Singh Gill, the Dictator of the Board, who presided, told the Press: "We are going to the Constituent Assembly with the specific purpose of removing the injustice to the Sikhs at the earliest opportunity. We will come out of the Constituent Assembly and resort to direct action, if at the first sitting of that body, we fail to get the safeguards we want".

Col. Niranjan Singh continued: "We are going to the Constituent Assembly in the larger interests of the country. The Sikhs do not want to stand aside. They have suspended direct action temporarily".

The dictator of the Panthic Board also said:

"If the Sikhs fail to obtain the necessary safeguards in the Constituent Assembly, they expect that the Congress will also support them in their battle".

The Panthic Board finished its deliberations at 7 p. m. but the resolution took two more hours to draft.

UNANIMOUS DECISION

There was some opposition to the lifting of the ban on the Constituent Assembly but the decision eventually taken was unanimous. With the removal of the boycott of the Constituent Assembly, the boycott of the Interim Government was also lifted.

Reds Concentrating In Caucasus

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (Reuter): The Persian Ambassador to the United States, Hussein Ala, stated here that he had received information that Russian troops were concentrating in the Caucasus to the North of Persia. He did not know the purpose of the concentration.

There was a demonstration by pro-boycott Sikhs outside the Golden Temple at the termination of the meeting.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The following is the full text of the Board's resolution:—

The Panthic Pratinidhi Board met on August 11 and 14 to consider the situation created by events and the developments that have taken place since July 5 when the Board reiterated its decision to boycott the Constituent Assembly.

"During this period, the Secretary of State for India during the debate in the House of Commons on July 18 made an appeal to the Sikhs to reconsider their boycott decision and H. E. The Viceroy has also in his replies to communications from certain Sikh gentlemen expressed his willingness for the accommodation of the Sikh viewpoint. "The main factor is, however, the resolution of the Congress Working Committee of August 9 in which the Congress has recognised that injustice has been done to the Sikhs by the Cabinet Mission's proposals and has declared that it will give all possible support to the Sikhs in redressing their legitimate grievances and in securing for the Sikhs adequate safeguards for protecting their interests. The Congress Working Committee has further appealed to the Sikhs to reconsider their resolution of boycotting the Constituent Assembly. This resolution of the Working Committee must be read along with the Lahore Congress resolution of 1929 that no solution of the communal problem in any future constitution would be acceptable to the Congress that did not give full satisfaction to the Sikhs—as well as with the recent speeches and statesments of eminent Congress leaders to the effect that the Sikhs must be given similar safeguards as are provided to the

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Britain's Reply To Persian Protest

LONDON, August 14. (Reuter): The draft of Britain's reply to the Persian note of protest against the despatch of British and Indian troops to Basra, Iraqi port at the head of the Persian Gulf, is believed by well-informed quarters in London to have reached Teheran.

Ten African Strikers Killed

Sequel To Clash With Police

JOHANNESBURG, August 14 (Reuter).—Indians who are offering passive resistance to the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Act in Durban, have raised money to aid the striking native miners and a number of Witwatersrand University students say that they will support the strikers.

The number of native strikers killed now total ten and scores have been injured in clashes with the police.

For the first time in its history Johannesburg faces an organised general strike of the natives. Eighteen native unions say that they will strike in 48 hours in sympathy with the miners having made their decision when it was learned that the police had raided the offices of the Garment Workers Union and seized all printing and duplicating machinery. The meeting of the Unions was attended by J. B. Marx, President of the African Mine Workers' Union who was arrested when the police interrupted the meeting. Other "alleged Communis's" have been arrested and the police have raided the offices of the African Mine Workers' Union.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

The official total casualty figure in the clash between striking African mine-workers and the police are stated this afternoon to be: four Africans killed, 41 seriously wounded and 405 slightly injured. Eight policemen suffered minor injuries.

NEHRU FOR BOMBAY

WARDHA, August 14, (A.P.I.): The Congress President, Pandit Nehru left for Bombay this evening. He was seen off by a large crowd of friends and admirers. Prior to his departure to Bombay, Pandit Nehru had five hours' talks with Mahatma Gandhi at Sewagram to-day.

Other members of the Working Committee left for their respective stations.

"We must adjust ourselves to the changing conditions" declared Pandit Nehru in the course of a talk to students of the Mahilashram here. Swaraj, Pandit Nehru reiterated was coming soon. "One must not" he said, "lose sight of the Congress fundamentals". Miss Mridulaben Sarabhai and Mr. P. H. Patwardhan also left.

JINNAH GETS JAWAHAR'S LETTER

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel arrived by plane today.

It is understood that the letter written by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Mr. Jinnah was delivered to the latter by 11 a. m.

Mr. Jinnah refused to make any comment beyond stating that he is studying the letter.

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Sardar Pratap Singh, Mr. Fakruddin Ahmed and Mr. P. H. Patwardhan, new members of the Congress Cabinet, snapped at Wardha.

Call For General Hartal In Muslim Localities

City Leaguers' Plan For 'Direct Action Day' Tomorrow

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The two resolutions passed by the Council of the All-India Muslim League on July 29, withdrawing the League's acceptance of the long-term proposals of the British Cabinet Delegation and declaring direct action against the British Government "as and when necessary", will be explained to the Muslims of Bombay at a public meeting which will be held on Friday, August 16, at 3 p.m. at Mastaon Shah Bagh, Nagpada. Mr. I. I. Chundrigar will preside.

In the morning Muslim League Flag will be hoisted in various wards of the City under the auspices of the Primary Leagues. A public meeting will be held the same day at 10-30 a.m. in C Ward at Erskine Road, Bhindi Bazar.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Muslim Women's Sub-Committee a ladies meeting will be held on August 15 at 10 o'clock in the morning at Baigh Mohammad Bagh. Mrs. Khadija Shafi Tayyabji, M.L.A. (Bombay), will preside and Fatima Begum, Principal of the Jinnah Girls' College, Lahore, will address the meeting.

Muslims in Bombay will observe almost a complete 'hartal' on Friday. With one solitary exception there will be no issues of both Urdu dailies and weeklies that day; "Watan" and 'Muslim Times', two of the Gujarati will also not come.

TRAFFIC HARTAL

The B.E.S.T. Union has decided not to run trams and buses in Muslim localities.

There will be complete suspension of traffic in Muslim localities.

No buses and trams will ply between Byculla Bridge and Crawford Market, Byculla Bridge and Prarthna Samaj, Grant Road and Mazgaon and Jacob Circle and Null Bazar. Muslim taxi drivers and victoriawallas have also fallen in line.

Instructions have been issued to people not to stop private cars, yet their owners have been requested to avoid passing through Muslim quarters.

MEATLESS DAY

Friday will be a meatless day and probably Saturday also as a result of the butchers and rent vendors joining the hartal. Potato and onion wholesale dealers at Duncan Road, most of the egg and poultry dealers and the Milk Merchants' Association at Pydhoni will also suspend business. Muslim hotels and restaurants will remain closed and will open only half an hour before 'iftar' (time for breaking the fast). Cinemas owners by Muslims are also expected to be closed down on Friday.

STUDENTS' HARTAL

Under the auspices of the Muslim Students' Federation a procession of Muslim students of all the schools and Colleges will be taken out through Muslim localities on Friday. It will start from J. J. Hospital corner at 9 a.m. All the Muslim institutions will be closed and students reading in non-Muslim institutions have been requested by the League to refrain from attendance.

After the 'Jumma' prayers in mosques prayers will be held for success of the League in achieving its objective.

U. P. GOVT. AND DIRECT ACTION DAY

LUCKNOW, Aug. 13. (U.P.I.): The United Press of India authoritatively understands that the U.P. Government have issued orders to district officers throughout the Province that no impediments whatsoever be placed in the observance of the "Direct Action Day" of the Muslim League, should it do so within the four corners of the law.

Adjournment Admitted In Bengal Council

CALCUTTA, August 14, (A.P.I.): The adjournment motion of Mr. Haridas Majumdar (Hindu Mahasabha) seeking to discuss the order of the Bengal Government declaring August 16 a public holiday was admitted by the President of the Bengal Legislative Council, Sir Bijoy Prasad Sinha Roy.

The motion will be taken up for consideration tomorrow (Thursday).

Bengal Harijans' Support To League Day

CALCUTTA, Aug. 14. (A.P.I.): The Bengal Provincial Scheduled Castes Federation will co-operate in the League programme for DIRECT ACTION DAY on August 16.

The programme for the 16th, as chalked out by the Calcutta District Muslim League, includes a hartal and general strike except in the essential services.

Will Syed Lead Direct Action

KARACHI, Aug. 14. (A.P.I.): Mr. M. H. Gazdar, President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League met Mr. G. M. Syed, Leader of the Opposition in the Sind Assembly during the week-end and it is learnt, discussed with him the question of Mr. Syed joining the League and leading Direct action.

Mr. M. A. Khuhro, Public Works Minister also met Mr. Syed and had long discussions with him on the present political situation in Sind. Mr. Syed has not shown any change in his attitude.

Mr. Syed left for his village yesterday where he proposed to spend his Idd holidays.

"DAWN" STARTS IT

NEW DELHI, August 14 (APA).—Muslim League President Jinnah's "Dawn" gave a momentary shock this morning with its political correspondent's "side story" headed: "Wavell inspires anti-League propaganda."

This correspondent "on good authority" charged the Viceroy with "collaboration with a Government employee in the form of Mr. B. L. Sharma (Government's Deputy Principal Information Officer)" for "clandestine propaganda offensives against the League * * * in order to create a favourable impression for the Congress and a hostile impression against the Muslim League."

The story related a three-time visit by Mr. Sharma to the Viceregal House on the latter's calling for producing "a secret hand-out to depict the Congress attitude as right and the League attitude as wrong, and suitably brief him on this."

The correspondent further alleged that "this confidential document was passed on to a limited number of "safe pressmen in the darkness of Monday night" so that they can "colour" their despatches.

GOVT. DENIAL

After nearly 12 hours' interval a Government counter came out this evening characterising the story as "entirely false and baseless." It also explained that no officer of the Information Department "has seen the Viceroy for several weeks * * * and not at all on Monday."

The statement categorically denied giving out "any confidential document" adding "nor is any such issue contemplated."

"DAWN'S" CHALLENGE

"Dawn's" Editor told the Associated Press of America that the issue 'will not be left at this stage but will be followed up" with its "proof of the story."

Jerusalem G. P. O. Mined?

Telephone Call Leads To Evacuation

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (Reuter): The General Post Office building in Jerusalem was evacuated of all staff and visitors this afternoon as a result it is understood, of a telephone call stating that the building had been mined.

Police and armoured cars were stationed outside the Post Office building.

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER

The Zionist Inner Council decided in Jerusalem today to convene a World Zionist Congress somewhere in Europe for November this year. The Council fixed the last date for the elections to the World Congress for October 14.

"EMPIRE HEYWOOD" & ANOTHER SHIP DIVERTED

The cargo ship "Empire Heywood" with the first shipload of Jewish would-be immigrants diverted from Palestine loomed out of mist off Cyprus very early today and along with them came the cruiser "Ajax".

A third ship, yet unnamed, accompanied them and all the three vessels were anchored half a mile off Famagusta flying the Red Ensign, a "Reuter" cable from Famagusta said.

British soldiers armed with tomy guns were standing by.

The situation was quiet in Palestine early today after day and night of tension and mass demonstration in protest against the departure of the first batch of illegal Jewish immigrants diverted to Cyprus.

ANOTHER SHIP NEARING HAIFA

The fourth illegal ship to enter Palestine this week was today reported to be nearing Haifa Port, from which British vessels yesterday removed two shiploads of earlier arrivals to camps in Cyprus.

The new ship, stated to be named "The Twenty-three" will be arrested on entering territorial waters. She takes her name from a party of young Jewish commandos who lost their lives in May 1941, when under British command they tried to blow up Vichy-owned refineries at Tripoli in the Lebanon.

From Famagusta, (Cyprus) "Reuter" reported today that some of the deported Jews in grey clothing could be seen through barbed wire at dawn from quarantine, a distance of 300 feet.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said today that two more illegal immigrant ships carrying 1,300 passengers were approaching Palestine waters and that others would soon be leaving European ports on their way here.

ARAB STATES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO LONDON

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 14. (Reuter): The Foreign Ministers of Arab States meeting here decided last night that "each Arab State should send representatives to London to negotiate freely with Britain on the Palestine question".

Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League told the press that there was no question of a Round Table Conference in which Zionist leaders would take part.

Azzam Pasha added that Britain would fix a date for the London Conference and that he would represent not Egypt, but the Arab League.

LONDON CONFERENCE

Arab Nations Accept Invitation

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 13 (U.P.A.): The Arab League Secretariat issued a communique on Tuesday night confirming the report that the seven Arab nations, whose foreign ministers have been conferring here, have accepted the British Government's invitation to attend the London conference to discuss the Palestine question.

However, it is still clear that the Arab States will not sit in any Conference with Jews and also that the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who is residing here, did not take any part in the foreign ministers' conference.

Capital Punishment In Britain To Go

LONDON, August 14, (Reuter): The British Government is believed to have decided to abolish capital punishment in the United Kingdom for a trial period of five years beginning in January 1949, according to reports in the British Press.

LABOUR DETERMINED TO DO RIGHT THING BY INDIA

LONDON, Aug. 14 (Reuter).—The Labour Government is determined to do the right thing by India, declared Mr. Sudhir Ghosh, Mahatma Gandhi's personal envoy in London, after he had an hour's interview with the British Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee, here this evening.

MADRAS, August 14, (A.P.A.): Cloth will be rationed in Madras city from August 24 at 12 yards per adult and 6 yards per child per annum.

Lathi Charge On Strikers Of Imperial Bank

Union Secretary Says Injured Include Several Women Volunteers

CALCUTTA, August 14. (A.P.I.): TWENTY-ONE PERSONS, INCLUDING SOME WOMEN, WERE INJURED IN THE LATHI CHARGE, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF THE IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA INDIAN STAFF ASSOCIATION AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS EVENING.

He said that a number of students and women volunteers were engaged in a peaceful picketing at the Bank's main entrance this morning, when several officers of the Bank arrived in a police van with armed police escort. The secretary alleged that the latter "made an unprovoked and indiscriminate charge with batons and lathis on the peaceful picketers. A number of women and other volunteers were assaulted and received more or less severe injuries." The pickets, he added, remained peaceful all through, in spite of grave provocation.

CALL FOR SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

A resolution calling for a one-day strike on the 17th August of employees of banks, mercantile firms, insurance offices and students in sympathy with those injured in the Lathi charge was adopted at a public meeting held this evening. The meeting also supported the demands of the Imperial Bank strikers. Mr. Somyen Tagore presided.

KARACHI MUNICIPALITY VOTES 5,000 FOR I.N.A. RELIEF

KARACHI, August 14, (A.P.I.): The Karachi Municipal Corporation has decided to contribute Rs. 5,000 towards the relief of the Indian National Army personnel.

STOP PRESS

HAIFA POLICE BATON-CHARGE JEWS

HAIFA, Aug. 14. (Reuter): Several Jews were injured when the police made a baton-charge here tonight to prevent a large crowd storming the Haifa Port area following the funerals of three Jews who died as a result of the clash with the police yesterday, it was officially stated tonight. Two of the injured Jews were arrested.

LONDON GAS WORKERS TO RESUME

LONDON, Aug. 14, (Reuter): Striking London gas workers decided by an overwhelming majority to return to work tomorrow morning at a meeting called by their Union today.

PARIS CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

PARIS, Aug. 14. (Reuter): The Plenary Session of the Paris Conference adjourned at 7-15 p.m. until tomorrow morning.

DR. WANG TO PRESIDE

PARIS, Aug. 14. (U.P.A.): Dr. Wang Shih Chieh, 54-year-old head of the Chinese Delegation, will assume the Presidency of the Peace Conference Plenary session for the first time to-morrow.

A.-I. R. STRIKE CALLED OFF

CALCUTTA, Aug. 15. (A.P.I.): The strike of artists of All-India Radio, Calcutta, has been called off by the Artists' Association, Bengal, from this morning.

TRUMAN'S REPLY REACHES ATTLEE

LONDON, Aug. 14. (Reuter): President Truman's observations on the Anglo-American Experts' Plan for Palestine has been received by the British Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee, it was officially confirmed here tonight.

LATEST ABOUT GRAND MUFTI

CAIRO, Aug. 14. (Reuter): The Arab League Council at its meeting in October will consider measures to seek the removal of all restrictions on the liberty of Haj Amin El Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem at present the guest of King Farouk in Egypt, it was reported here. The Mufti arrived in Egypt on May 29 after escaping from detention near Paris.

Corporation To Take Over

Tramways, Bus And Electric Supply In City

POONA, August 14, (A.P.I.): Bombay's public utility services the tramways the bus services and supply of electricity now managed by the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Company will in all probability be taken over by the Bombay Municipal Corporation within a year.

At a joint conference held here today between a deputation of the Corporation headed by the Mayor and Bombay's four ministers, the former indicated that they were in favour of buying the Tramways and Electric supply concern. The deputation stated that a resolution to this effect might soon be expected to come up for consideration of the Corporation.

The Corporation has to give notice to the B.E.S.T. Company of its intention to purchase the concern in February next.

With the buying of Tramways, and Electric Supply concern, it is expected that the bus services also will be sold to the Corporation.

It is likely the Corporation will raise a loan of Rs. 10 crores for the purchase of these three services and other initial expenditure likely to be incurred in the running of these services. No difficulty is anticipated in obtaining Government's sanction to raise the loan.

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LAHORE, August 14, (U.P.I.): The Punjab Government have decided to refund securities for Rs. 10,000, Rs. 3,500 and Rs. 3,000 forfeited by the previous Ministry from the "Pratap" the "Prabhat" and the "Milap" respectively, three vernacular dailies of Lahore.

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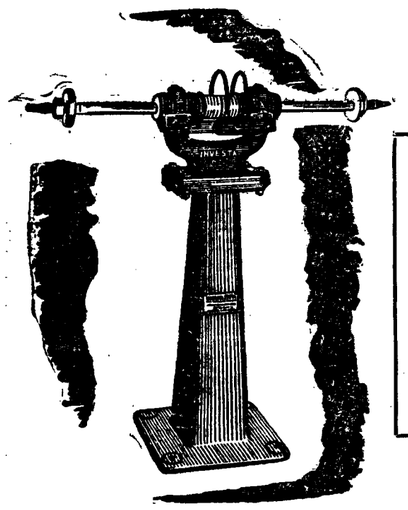

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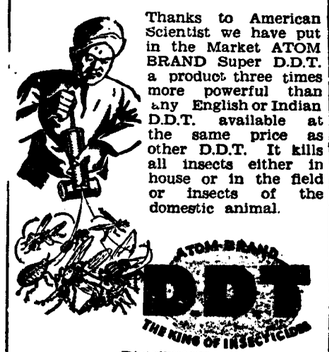

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Our Reader's View

NASIK GOLF CLUB

Sir,—May I draw your attention to the article on use of the land belonging to the Royal Western India Golf Club at Nasik, written by Mr. D. F. Karaka under "Off My Chest" published in the "Bombay Chronicle" of 3rd July, 1946.

The Committee of the Club invited Mr. Karaka to go to Nasik to inspect the land of which he had written and to ascertain the truth of the allegations made by him. This invitation was sent to him on 10th July, 1946. We thought he would avail of this opportunity and after inspecting the land would himself correct the allegations made by him in his article and at least clear the position of the Army in this connection. He has not done so. There is no doubt that he wrote on inaccurate informations given to him.

I now request you to publish the following facts supplied to us by the Collector of Nasik. These deal fully with Mr. Karaka's allegations:—

"Last September (1945) at the general meeting of the Club it was resolved that since the Golf Course was becoming alarmingly eroded and bare, measures should be taken to improve and reclaim it. It was decided as an experiment to carry out deep ploughing over part of the course followed by levelling, bunding, manuring and the sowing of Doob grass which was expected to bind the soil and prevent further erosion. When the food scarcity became evident, it was further decided that as much as possible of the cultivable area should be put under grain crops. Work was begun in February of this year with bullocks and country ploughs.

With this background, I shall proceed to deal with Mr. Karaka's allegations.

1. "There is a 150 acre plot." The actual area of the course is 103 acres, 23 gunthas.

2. "Of fertile ground" the Agricultural Chemist's report dated 20/3/46 showed that the soil was taken from 12 representative places and almost the whole area is unfit for cultivation. Anyone who has seen the course can confirm this. It cannot grow even decent grass which is precisely why the experiment was undertaken. The total assessment of the 103 acres 23 gunthas is Rs. 18-9-6 which will indicate the quality of the soil. 31 acres, 36 gunthas of this are shown in V. F. VII-XII as Pot Kharab.

3. "Huge Mechanical Tractors have specially been brought to plough it."

"The only tractor ever used by the club was a small and old broken down model borrowed from the privately owned Godrej Farm. It worked for five days. During March the Club obtained the services of a D 17 model Bull dozer for a plough. The machine was obtained by private arrangement with the British and Indian Forces, Japan. It operated for only a week before it was sent to Japan. Later during the same month, the Club obtained a small D 4 model Bull Dozer also through the Brindjap Forces. It was later found that this machine belonged to Sub Area though it had originally been obtained through Brindjap. Shortly after the work of this machine was seen, my Executive personal Assistant (Mr. Tomkins) took steps to obtain it officially for hiring out to agriculturists. It is to be noted that there is a vast difference between a tractor plough and a Bull Dozer. A Bull dozer is not primarily an agricultural machine. It is not used for ploughing but for breaking up and levelling surfaces. Most of the ploughing was actually done by Bullock power. It is also to be noted that the Bull dozer obtained by the Club is the smallest model manufactured. The Club have supplied figures of the expenditure incurred on the chief items involved. some of them are:

Hire of bullocks and ploughs	Rs. 3,833 12 0
Wages of Coolies	Rs. 1,430 0 0
Expenditure on fuel oil and petrol for Bull Dozer	Rs. 675 2 0

"These figures show conclusively that the major portion of the work has not, in fact, been done by mechanical equipment.

4. "The Military Authorities of Deolali, it is reported, have supplied .... and petrol.

"No petrol was ever supplied by the Military authorities of Deolali or by the Brindjap Forces. In any case, Bull dozers operate on high-speed diesel oil. The Club could not obtain high-speed diesel oil so it used ordinary crude oil as fuel. Petrol is used only for the starting meter and the total quantity used for this purpose cannot have exceeded 10 gallons.

5. "In places tractors are still working.'

"No tractors were working when the article appeared. In any case there never was more than one Bull dozer at work at any time.

6. "They are not growing food.... on this....piece of God's fertile earth."

"The total area ploughed up by the Club is approximately 30 acres out of which approximately 12 acres have been put under Bajri and Jowari. All the places where cultivation was possible have, in fact, been cultivated and even in some of them the soil is so poor that the yield will certainly not be profitable. Grass was sown for the most part only where grain could not be raised. Moreover the grass was sown as part of a planned campaign to prevent erosion and improve the grazing value of the land.

7. "'May be it is for the sheep to graze on.... but it isn't".

"In fact one of the chief objects of the experiment, apart from the improvement of the course, was to raise an improved grass crop with the specific purpose of leasing it out for grazing or cutting, to increase the club's income. The club has always until last year allowed free grazing all the year round for all kinds of animals. Last year the whole course was let out for grazing. This year half of the course is again open to free grazing whilst the other half on which the experiment is being conducted is intended to be let out after the new grass has grown sufficiently.

8. "One must have the proper "Home" course."

"This would be impossible unless the whole course was under constant irrigation.

9. "'Here is a bunch of tired Englishmen in Western India."

"The suggestion is that the Club is confined to Europeans. The effective membership at present is 367 out of whom 100 are Indians. Moreover, apart from one week in the year, the Club, taking the whole year, is undoubtedly used as much by the Indian members as by Europeans for the simple reason that the majority of the officers in the station are Indians.

F. S. JAFRI,
Staff Captain Public Relations.

FAMINE THREATENS BENGAL

Ramakrishna Mission's Appeal For Relief Fund

Swami Sambuddhananda writes:—

"I have just returned from a three months' tour in different parts of India and Ceylon and I think it my duty to place my impressions before the public.

I have found scarcity prevailing everywhere. In a few areas famine has had to be declared, and in certain areas, food rationing has been introduced. In most of the latter areas the ration is inadequate and the food grains obtainable are of most inferior quality. In many places in Bengal, where wheat is not eaten at all, rice is allowed at 2 lbs. per capita per week on which it is impossible for an average person to keep body and soul together. The resulting increase in malnutrition, disease and mortality and the look of utter helplessness and despair stamped on the faces of the peasants and artizans in the villages tell their own tale even to a superficial observer.

The scarcity seems to be most acute in Bengal, in spite of the assurances given by the Central and Provincial Governments. There is a widespread feeling that the local Government is not only inefficient but that it is supremely indifferent to the sufferings of the dumb millions and will do nothing to prevent black market profiteers from creating a worse havoc. In large areas the price of rice has already shot up from Rs. 25 to Rs. 45 a maund (80 lbs); and the prospect has not been improved by the failure of the 'Ashu' crop over the greater part of Bengal. Latest report from Bengal says that the Government is going to supply food only to those who are freed from Chowkidari Tax and those who have to pay only one rupee a year. This at the most forms only 20 per cent of the population. The rest 80 per cent of the people who have to look for themselves and purchase food-stuffs from open markets where no kind of grains or cereals is available are threatened with starvation. In 1943 Bengal thankfully received very generous help from other Provinces, notably Bombay. But this time scarcity is universal, it can expect little help from outside in actual food grains and cannot hope for similar outside assistance in money contributions. All this adds considerably to the darkness of the situation in Bengal, which in my estimate faces as grim a tragedy, if not a grimmer one, as it did three years ago.

The Ramakrishna Mission has a few centres in the most afflicted areas where they are doing their utmost to bring relief to the suffering and starving.

I have said nothing regarding the acute shortage of cloth in Bengal, which has made it impossible for thousands of women in respectable families to come out of their homes. The Ramakrishna Ashram is doing its level best to relieve this distress also. But its resources are limited and conditioned by the response it gets to its appeals made to the public from time to time. On its behalf I am again before the generous public of the City and Province of Bombay with our begging bowl. Will they not respond again in their thousands and show their humanity and sympathy for millions of dumb suffering people by their unstinted generosity and charity?

ALL-INDIA HAJEES' WELFARE LEAGUE

At the first meeting of the newly constituted Executive Committee of the All-India Hajees' Welfare League held on the 3rd August, 1946, the following members have been co-opted to the Executive Committee: (1) Al-Hadj Dr. Mujibur Rahman, (2) Mr. Omar H. A. Sattar, (3) Prof. Hajee Akhtar Hossain, (4) Seth Abdul Latif Ibrahim, (5) Mowlana Zafar Ali Khan, M.L.A. (Central), Punjab, and (6) Mowlana Abdul Hamid Khan, (Assam) (President Assam Provincial Muslim League).

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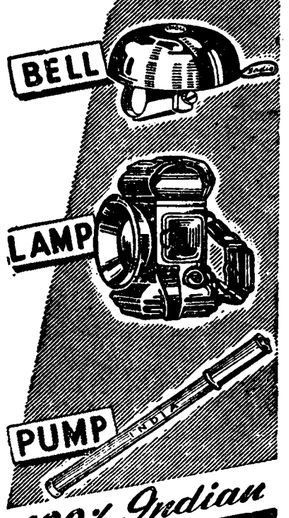

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Today's Engagements

BHULABHAI DESAI PUBLIC MEETING COMMITTEE: Meeting of the Committee at the Indian Merchants' Chamber, to-day (Thursday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.).

FORD MOTOR WORKERS' UNION: Annual general body meeting of the Union, (Red Flag) Bombay, in Marwadi Vidyalay Hall, Sandhurst Road, at 5-15 p.m. to-day.

MAZDAZNAN: Mr. N. F. Mama will deliver a public lecture on "Some Interesting Items of General Knowledge" to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road.

SRI AUROBINDO CIRCLE: Under the auspices of the circle the birthday of Sri Aurobindo will be celebrated at 6-30 p.m. to-day at "Anand Vihar", Nair Hospital Compound, Bombay Central.

FOOD INDUSTRIES EMPLOYEES UNION: A general body meeting of the members of the Food Industries Employees Union to discuss the question of the workers of American Express Backery and Polson Ltd., today (Thursday) at 42, Kennedy Bridge at 6-30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUNDS: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 11—Mazagaon-Tarwadi—will meet near the Victoria Road Overbridge (West Side) to-morrow (Friday) at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.), to go round the Ward.

SALOON WORKERS ORGANIZE: At a meeting of employees of hairdressing saloons in the city held on Monday it was decided to organize employees of hair-cutting saloons in the city under a strong Trade Union. A committee of 15 was elected.

POSTAL NOTICE: All restrictions regarding despatch of mails and acceptance of Money Orders, for Calcutta, Bengal and Assam Circle, have now been withdrawn. Mails for these places should therefore be posted accordingly for despatch, and money orders accepted as before the Postal Strike.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM STUDENTS' FEDERATION: The Executive Committee of the Federation at its meeting held on Sunday last passed the following resolution and directed all the District and Primary Unions to implement it immediately failing which strict action shall be taken against them: "This meeting of the Executive of B.P.M.S.F. in pursuance of the Resolution passed by Council of the All-India Muslim League on 19th July, 1946, hereby calls upon all the members of the B.P.M.S.F. who are associative or otherwise, to renounce their titles conferred on them by Alien Government, forthwith".

"It is also resolved that henceforth no member of the B.P.M.S.F shall be a Government title holder".

INDIA'S STRUGGLE THROUGH PICTURES

An exhibition of the last two decades of India's struggle for Freedom in pictures, paintings and oil-colours will be displayed at the Jinnah Hall (Near Congress House, Bombay) from the 15th August 1946. This exhibition was organised by the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee at Sradhananda Park, Calcutta during the last Independence Day Celebration. Here it will be organised under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee with the help of responsible members of the Bengal Congress. Ad-hoc Committee has been formed. A nominal admission fee of annas four only has been fixed for the public.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS' DEMANDS

The following specific demands were adopted by the "Ramas" domestic servants of Bombay North, at their meeting held last week at Nappoo Gardens: 25 per cent increase to those who have not received increment during the last two months; Half-a-day off a week; 9 hours of work for the full time servants; One month's leave with pay or pay in lieu thereof or after 12 months service; 15 days' notice on both sides before discharge or discontinuance of service; Divali Bonus; For full time servants over and above food and expenses, and dresses should be provided.

W. W. GODWIN RETIRES

Deputy Commissioner Of Police In Charge Of Prohibition

Mr. W. W. Godwin, Deputy Commissioner of Police, in charge of Prohibition, Motor Transport Section and "L" Division, relinquished his office on Tuesday morning.

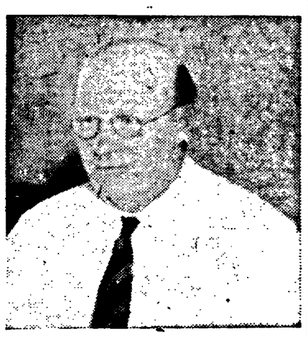
Mr. Godwin joined the Bombay City Police Force on the 8th March 1921, as Inspector of Police, and was posted to the Motor Vehicles Department.

On the 18th August, 1934, he was put in charge of the Motor Transport Section at Shepherd Road, Byculla, Bombay.

On the retirement of Superintendent Down, Mr. W. W. Godwin was promoted to the Superintendent of Police "L" Division, on 1st April, 1930, which post he held for eleven years.

In 1938, he attended a course of Air Raid Precautions and obtained a certificate as an Instructor.

Before the introduction of the Prohibition scheme, enormous task fell upon him regarding training both of Officers and men.



Mr. W. W. Godwin

On the retirement of Mr. J. J. Simmons, Mr. Godwin, was appointed Dy. Commissioner of Police, Divisions (II), on the 3rd April, 1941.

In July, 1942 he was appointed Dy. Commissioner of Police, Port and Executive Officer, Security Measures Committee.

In April, 1944, during the Explosion period, Mr. Godwin was continuously on 24-hour duty, which gave an encouragement to his Officers and men to love their duty and stick-fast to it, as the friends of the public.

In January, 1945, he was awarded the King's Police and Fire Service Medal.

On the termination of security measures, he was appointed in charge of the Prohibition Department, on 1st March, 1946, in addition to the Motor Transport Section and Armed and Unarmed Divisions.

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MAHADEO DESAI'S FOURTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

To-day's Programme

8 a.m.—Flag salutation at Congress House. Shri M. Y. Bulle, Vice-President of the B.P.C.C., will unfurl the National Flag and address.

6 p.m.—PUBLIC MEETING in the Congress House Compound. Shri Mangaldas M. Pakvasa, President of the Bombay Legislative Council, will preside and Shri S. A. Brelvi, Mrs. Avantikabai Gokhale and others will speak on the life of the late Mahadeobhai Desai.

7-15 p.m. Opening Ceremony of the Pictorial Exhibition of the India's struggle for freedom during the last two centuries by Shri Mangaldas Pakvasa.

Note: This Exhibition will remain open daily from 4-30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Jinnah Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road.

Entrance Fee is Annas four only.

STUDENTS' CONGRESS PROGRAMME FOR MAHADEV DESAI DAY: The B.S.C. has organised the following programme for "M. D. Day":

8-0 a.m. Flag salutation at Congress House.

8-30 a.m. A meeting of the Students' Congress workers at 42, Kennedy Bridge to pay homage to the memories of "M. D."

6-0 p.m. Students should attend the Congress meeting to be held at Congress House—Jinnah Hall.

In all the schools and colleges of the city meetings should be held and students Congress workers should explain the services rendered to the country by Mr. Mahadev.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL ROLLS

Mr. S. K. Patil, Leader of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party, has issued the following appeal to the new Municipal Voters of the City:

The Public of Bombay must be knowing that the preliminary voters' lists of the Bombay Municipality have been published yesterday. The General Elections to the Corporation will take place in February next and the new voters' lists are prepared for these elections. For the first time in the history of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, the elections are to be held on the basis of the adult franchise.

The preliminary rolls had to be prepared very hastily and they are bound to be imperfect and full of omissions. There is a period of three weeks, upto 31st of this month, for making good these omissions by submitting claims in time. All residents of Bombay of 21 years or more have the right to be included in the voters' lists. There is no other qualification for eligibility. Voters' lists will be kept open for public inspection at the Municipal Head Office, Congress House, and at all the offices of the District Congress Committees. Those whose names do not appear in these lists must immediately fill in their claim on forms which will be available at all these places, before the due date, i.e. 31st of August 1946.

SYMPHONY SOCIETY CONCERT

Spanish Cellist Play Saint Saens Concerto

The Symphony Orchestra Society Concert on the 15th inst. should prove a great attraction to Bombay music lovers in view of the fact that it has on its programme, Saint Saens Concerto for Cello in "A" minor. The Society has also been lucky enough to engage the services of Mr. Gabarro, first cellist of the Calcutta Symphony Orchestra, and a pupil of the Casals School of Barcelona, to play this important work.

Mr. Gabarro was obliged to leave Spain during the civil war and settled himself in Calcutta where he has made a reputation as a brilliant cellist and an all round musician.

RELIEF WORK FOR PARSI DESTITUTES

Mr. B. S. Banaji the founder of this Relief Work requests the charitably minded Zoroastrians to help the poor and the destitutes with money, books or clothes. This help will certainly be much useful during the coming Parsi holy days. For the last fourteen years Mr. Banaji has been helping the poor Parsi families, men, women and children. In 1945 upto the month of June, Rs. 3420 were given away by way of charity to 611 individuals; and from 1932 to 1945 about Rs 1,21,000 have been spent to help not less than 20,000 members of the community.

Mr. Banaji's address is, 557, Chira Bazaar, Girgaum Road, Bombay.

Sanitary Inspectors' Exam. Results

At an examination for Sanitary Inspectors held in May, 1946, under the auspices of the Royal Sanitary Institute London and the Government of Bombay the followin 132 have passed the examinations subject to the approval of the results by the Royal Sanitary Institute, London. The first five number are according to merit of marks and the rest are arranged according to Exam. Nos. of the candidates:

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Wanted Man In Police Hands

BOMBAY, Wdnesday.

After about six months' of vigorous search by the police at different places, Maliram alias Sewaram Murlidhar Jhunjanuwala who was wanted by the City Police for cheating a local Marwadi firm to the tune of Rs. 20,000, was traced by the Delhi Police recently.

He was brought to Bombay and produced before Mr. H. A. Elias, Presidency Magistrate Girgaum Police Court, today.

The Police in their remand application stated that the suspect is also implicated in two other cheating cases in which large sums are involved.

In the month of February last, suspect who was in Bombay went to the firm of Ramniranjan Shriram Jhunjanuwala and presented a Hundi, for Rs. 40,000 together with a covering letter supposed to have been signed by one Bansidhar Morarka of Gorakhpur. The proprietor of the firm being a relative of Morarka accepted the Hundi and gave a cheque to the suspect for Rs. 20,000 payable at the United Commercial Bank, Ltd., Bombay. The suspect cashed the cheque immediately and absconded. The firm later on learnt that the Hundi was a bogus one. The suspect is also wanted by Bhilwada Police in Udaipur State and Indore Police for cheating firms there.

The suspect was remanded to custody.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Aug. 14, (API). Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st June 1946 and departure from normal recorded at 8 hours I S T on 14th August 1946:—

Ahmedabad 89 77 0.4 19.1 minus 1.5 Allahabad 88 77 2.8 27.1 plus 5.5 Bangalore 76 67 0.3 9.3 Nil Baroda 89 77 T 27.4 Nil Belgaum 78 68 0.2 39.1 plus 6.1 Bhopal 85 74 0.3 33.8 plus 1.3 BOMBAY 86 76 0.1 45.7 minus 4.5 Calcutta 86 78 0.3 Nil Nil Cherrapunji 71 65 1.5 Nil Nil Colombo 86 80 0 12.7 minus 2.4 Delhi 93 80 0 15.6 plus 1.6 Hyderabad (Dn) 87 72 0.4 12.8 minus 0.1 Hyderabad (Sd) 92 80 0 3.7 minus 0.9 Karachi 86 80 T 3.8 minus 1.0 Mahableswar 66 62 1.6 204.1 plus 14.2 Mangalore 78 74 0.9 125.9 plus 14.2 Poona 79 71 0.1 14.6 plus 1.5 Rajkot 87 75 0.1 18.6 plus 1.5 Sholapur 86 71 2.2 14.6 plus 4.4 Simla 89 61 0.7 Nil Nil Surat 88 76 0.2 43.7 plus 14.0

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"My position is this that however willing I may be to enter into a compromise with the English Government in matters of detail, and I am willing to make great sacrifices, I will not enter into any compromise on the question which I hold to be fundamental. Freedom is my birth right and I demand a recognition of that right, not by instalments or by compartments, but whole and entire. I do not doubt that victory will be on our side. But supposing we fail we would at least have preserved inviolate our national self-respect and dignity".

Deshabandhu Das.

The Bombay Chronicle

GESTURE OF GOODWILL

Having accepted the Viceroy's offer to make proposals for the immediate formation of an Interim Government, the Congress, says Pandit Nehru, desires "to have as representative a Provisional National Government as possible" and "would welcome the co-operation of the League in forming a Coalition Government". The need for a Coalition Government at the Centre, as distinct from the Congress Party Governments in the Provinces, has always been conceded by the Congress so that the Coalition Government "might unitedly face the great problems that confront the country". In accordance with this policy Pandit Nehru has alrady written to Mr. Jinnah expressing his readiness to meet Mr Jinnah either in Bombay or in Delhi. This is a fresh gesture of Congress goodwill towards the League, following soon after the Working Committee's resolution calculated to allay all fears of the League regarding the Congress attitude towards the Constituent Assembly. It behoves the League to accept the hand of friendship and co-operation repeatedly offered by the Congress, so that the two bodies "might unitedly face the great problems that confront the country and lead India rapidly to full independence".

Affairs in India will be so much smoother and progress towards independence so much faster if the League co-operates with the Congress that many leaders have publicly urged the League to revise its unhelpful attitude towards Congress. The foremost among these is Maulana Abul Kalam Azad who points out how anxious Congress is to secure League co-operation both in the Interim Government and the Constituent Assembly and how much Congress has done in its recent resolution to "dispel all reasonable doubts and fears" entertained by the League regarding the Assembly. Sir Chimanlal Setalwad is no admirer of the Congress and only a few days ago he asked it to make it clear that it had accepted the Cabinet Mission's plan in its entirety. Now that this point has been made crystal clear, Sir Chimanlal rightly regrets that Mr. Jinnah is not prepared to accept the Congress resolution at its face value. As regards the Interim Government, we cannot accept Sir Chimanlal's view that Congress is inconsistent in accepting the Viceroy's invitation to form a Government while the A.I.C.C. resolution rejecting the interim plan remains. Congress, accepts the present interim plan which is materially different from that of June 16, which it rightly rejected. We, however, agree with him that the present situation "can only be straightened out by patient, frank and accommodating negotiations between all the three parties concerned." Preliminary negotiations between the Presidents of the Congress and the League will be helpful in bringing about an all-round settlement. It will be most unwise for Mr. Jinnah to turn down Pandit Nehru's invitation to a meeting.

It is interesting to note that the British press, too, appreciates the generous gesture of the Congress. The Congress Working Committee", says the "Manchester Guardian", is to be congratulated on its constructive resolution which went far towards giving the Muslims those assurances they demand. For the sake of India, it is to be hoped that Mr. Jinnah will be reasonable. The "Times", too, concedes that "the determination of the Congress Party to adhere strictly to the State Paper and to correct all divergencies imputed to the party by the Muslim League is designed to enable Mr. Jinnah and his followers to resume the course of constitutional activity from which they recently announced their intention to depart. We trust Mr. Jinnah will respond to the Congress gesture in the same spirit of patriotism, compromise and goodwill in which the Congress has made it.

H. G. Wells

In the death of H. G. Wells, the modern world has lost one of its greatest teachers. A prophetic scientist, gifted with an amazing vision he was also a great friend philosopher and guide to humanity. It has been given to few speculative writers to predict and foresee as correctly as did H. G. Wells. His "fantasies" have invariably turned into realities. The aeroplane, the tank and the atom bomb are well-known instances of having once been Wellsian fancies. But the imaginative scientist was a profound philosopher also. Throughout his life he tried to teach Homo Sapiens to discover himself his origin and his purpose. He helped, encouraged, warned and admonished. To a certain extent Homo Sapiens listened and submitted. But to a greater extent he appeared as if he was inclined indulgently to ignore the call of the sage. Wells denounced race and colour distinctions on scientific ground, imperialism, capitalism and exploitation of man by man on economic, philosophical and humanitarian grounds. The world listened but went its own way. He preached World Socialism and world unity for years. The atom bomb came to lend grim corroboration to his warning that man must mend his ways or perish. He did not find any response of the right kind. Little wonder that towards the end of his life he had come to look upon Homo Sapiens with contempt and to lose all hope for his future. It may be that the philosopher-prophet, who saw things with such rare clarity of vision, lost patience with his species too soon. But nothing is more certain than this that if the evils he denounced are not eradicated and if his alternative to self-destruction is not adopted without delay then man will—Perish.

Frankly Speaking

Commendable Suggestion

We are glad Dr. Shafaat Ahmad Khan, who was once Agent for India in South Africa, has also added to those of other Agents his voice of sympathy and support for the satyagraha launched by South African Indians. We are even more glad that, although belonging to a different political party, he has clearly acknowledged that the strength of the movement is attributable to Mahatma Gandhi's inspiration. Dr. Shafaat Ahmed makes, moreover, an interesting suggestion regarding the organisation abroad of effective publicity and propaganda against disabilities and sufferings inflicted on Indians and other Asiatics by South African Whites. It is, of course, the notorious truth that the case of Indians in respect of any issue has almost always gone by default. That has been due to the fact that the Government of the country had, by its very nature other and different views about its responsibilities and obligations. All this ought to change with the forthcoming change at the Centre. We are confident that the popular Government will lose no time in attending to the necessity referred to by Dr. Shafaat Ahmed Khan.

In East Africa, Too

The Congress Working Committee, after hearing the Deputation of the East African Indian National Congress has justly protested against the attempts of the Governments of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika to introduce anti-Indian immigration legislation despite the assurances given by these Governments to the Government of India that Defence Regulations restricting immigration were a temporary measure to meet certain war-time needs. The refusal of these Governments to withdraw these regulations as promised is, indeed, a grave matter and may lead to a crisis similar to that in South Africa with regard to the Act segregating Indians. In East Africa, too, there is the reservation of the best part of the land, the highlands, for White men. The fresh grievance of Indians regarding the continuance of restrictions on immigration adds to the insults and injuries heaped on Indians, on the very persons who were the first to develop the land and make it fit for the White men to settle. Even a man like Mr. Churchill felt constrained to remark years ago that no Government with a scrap of respect for honest dealing between man and man could introduce a policy of keeping Indians out of East Africa. We still hope that the proposed Indian Delegation to East Africa will fully safeguard Indian interests there.

Absurd Allegations

The Turkish Government has lost no time in denouncing the recent allegations made at a significantly convenient moment by the Moscow Radio and the Moscow Press. The Government's answer is effectively conclusive. "Nothing is more evident" it says, "than the essentially false character of these publications, which are a contrast to the clear position taken by Turkey in the ranks of the Allies against the aggressor since 1936, when the dangers of aggression in the Mediterranean were drawn on the horizon." "The point is too obvious to be laboured that it is utterly absurd to accuse Turkey of pro-German sentiments and friendship or to attribute sensational wishes about Russia to her with or without a real or imaginary testimony of—von Papen. A background had to be provided for the note regarding the Dardenelles. The Russian allegations are too palpable to be important. What is important is the imperialistic demand for Turkish Dardanelles.

Sri. Aurobindo

(K. H. GANDHI).

Today is the seventy-fourth birthday of Sri Aurobindo who some forty years ago counted for so much in the national life of India. After his sudden departure from the political field of India in 1910, to the Indian people and to the world at large he has remained a mystery. The fact that an Asram has grown around him at Pondicherry—the French Capital in South India, where he has been residing in 'retirement' after his withdrawal from political life—composed of persons of all nationalities who have been drawn to him for one reason or another and that, off and on, books written by him are published indicate that he has not been entirely inactive in his retirement, yet the exact nature and significance of the work that he has been doing for all these long years do not seem to have been understood even in its barest outlines.

The most significant contribution made by Sri Aurobindo to the past spiritual traditions which also marks a most unique and momentous departure from them even while admitting their fundamental realisations is that he not only considers a complete transformation and divine perfection of life and nature possible but also destined and inevitable. Withdrawal and liberation of being from involvement in the ignorance of nature into the free and immutable existence of self is only a first step towards that perfection and not a culmination. Surely stationed in the stillness of the pure and free self, the whole ignorant nature has to be step by step surrendered and opened to the transmitting influence of the spiritual Light and Power of the Higher Divine Nature that descending from above takes hold of the lower ignorant nature and gradually transforms all its energies into their divine equivalents.

The aim which he has been pursuing all-absorbingly during the long period of seclusion is thus not the acquisition of supernormal physical or psychical powers for his own self; nor has he been concerned with his own spiritual liberation; nor has he been devoting his time to writing metaphysical treatises or poetry; his sole concern has been with the spiritual evolution of human race. To carry that evolution to its successful culmination by carrying it to and as a consequence bringing down the supramental principle of divine existence which alone can wholly transform life and making it a firmly fixed operative power in the earth-life so that the human race may be decisively delivered of its blind suffering and be wholly divinised is then the goal of Sri Aurobindo's secret endeavour, the meaning of the mystery in which people find him enveloped and the purpose of the retirement he has imposed on himself for such a long period. If this be true then surely he has not drawn away from the real human life into some self-fabricated illusory void; on the contrary, he has only withdrawn from the superficial field of life (which may only be a temporary condition of his work and not a permanent necessity) so as to devote all his time and energy to tackle the age-long difficulties of life at their very roots and to find the supreme remedy which will decisively deliver the earth existence of the persistent shadow of evil and suffering and bring to it lasting peace and happiness.

MADRAS' WAR ON ZAMINDARI

MADRAS, August 14, (A.P.I.): Pending the introduction of a bill for the abolition of the Zamindari system in the Province, the Government of Madras propose to bring in legislation in the present session calling upon all Zamindars to give some immediate relief to their tenants in the matter of land taxation.

This announcement was made by Mr. T. Prakasam, Prime Minister, in the Madras Assembly, which discussed the demand under land revenue to-day.

Mr. Prakasam said that owing to technical difficulties it was not possible for the Government to do away with the Zamindari system forthwith. He assured the House that in two or three month's time the abolition of Zamindaries in the Province would be an accomplished act.

AMANULLAH'S BROTHER DEAD

TEHERAN, August 14, (Reuter): Sardar Inayatullah Khan, ex-King of Afghanistan and brother of exiled ex-King Amanullah died here today aged 57.

Sardar Inayatullah had lived in Teheran for many years.

Inayatullah was King for three days only—from January 14 to 17, 1929. His brother, M. King Amanullah, lost his throne when he tried to introduce a number of reforms on his return to Afghanistan from a visit to Britain and other European countries.

Control Over Sale Of Motor Cars To Go

BOMBAY, August 14, (A.P.I.): It is understood that control over sale of motor cars in India will be removed with effect from October 1.

To control over prices may however continue for some time ashore.

AFGHANISTAN REDUCES ARMY

(By JOSEPH GOODWIN, Associated Press of America Foreign Correspondent).

KABUL, Aug. 14 (APA).—Marshal Shah Mohmoud Khan Ghazi, recently appointed Prime Minister of Afghanistan, proposes to reduce the size of his army because, he said, "I am convinced that America's championship of the small nations guarantees my country's security against aggression.

"America's attitude is our salvation", Shah Mohmoud told the Associated Press of America in an interview. "For the first time in our history we are free of the threat of Great Powers using our mountain passes as pathways to empire. Now we can concentrate our talents and resources in bettering the living conditions of our own people and contributing to the general betterment of mankind."

Fiercely independent Afghan mountain fighters have combatted recurrent waves of international aggression since the days of Alexander the Great and Genghis Khan. In recent years they have fought wars with British Indian troops while keeping an anxious eye on the growing strength of Soviet Russia, their northern neighbour.

"I propose to reduce the army in size to that of a small but well trained internal security force charged with maintaining order among the nomadic tribesmen," the Prime Minister commented.

"Money once used in maintaining a large army will find better use in the already started national improvement progress."

10-YEAR PROGRAMME

American engineers began arriving here last month to begin work on a ten-year programme for Macadamising 1,800 miles of highway, constructing bridges to support 20-ton transports, increasing tillable soil by irrigation, and modernisation of the country's camel age cities.

"We have remained too long in another time," the Prime Minister said. "We are a backward people. But we are blessed with sound health, independence of spirit and a wealth of unexploited natural resources."

"Our people have a great admiration for America. We want America to show us how we may follow the new way of life which her people pioneered.

"Our admiration has been strengthened," he added, "by American determination to fight for the small countries in the UNO Security Council. That determination has freed us of fear of external aggression and given us the scheme to plan for progress."

Shah Mohmoud disclaimed credit for originating the national improvement progress which is expected to cost 450,000,000 dollars in the next ten years, explaining that he was "only carrying out plans already laid down by the former Prime Minister."

Mohammed Hashim Khan, his predecessor, he said completed negotiations for American contracts covering half the programme before his recent retirement after 17 years in office. Diplomatic sources here say the "Grand Old Man" of Afghanistan gained Governmental approval of his programme "despite constant diplomatic opposition of neighbouring powers." With the project already activated and American engineers at work, it remains "hush hush" in the Afghan press.

"My brother destroyed his health in fighting to modernize Afghanistan with American aid," Shah Mohmoud said. "It is my daily prayer that I can complete his programme." He and the former Prime Minister are brothers, and paternal uncles of the King.

The brothers, with an elder brother, former King Mohammed Nadir Shah, established the present dynasty, drafted the national constitution and have maintained national unity since they led in overthrowing a bandit chieftain who occupied Kabul 17 years ago.

Shah Mohmoud served as Minister of War from 1929 until his appointment by the King as Prime Minister. He continues Commander in-Chief of the Army.—Copyright.

WANTED PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

Nariman's Appeal

Mr. K. F. Nariman has issued the following statement to the Press:—

Until recently the Congress as a revolutionary fighting body was pledged to direct action and was ridiculing the mild constitutional methods of its rival, the League. Today the same Congress is pleading with the League not to follow its erstwhile example and to give up 'direct action' and re-start co-operation and constitutionalism.

The alternative is so terrible that the inconsistencies at this juncture almost become a virtue. As one, who has had a bitter experience of intercommunal riots in this city as a prominent member of Peace Committee, I for one as communally the youngest brother, would plead hard for peace, harmony and unity; some silly people may talk foolishly and lightly about civil war and communal strife, but in a vast country like India with millions of mixed and cosmopolitan populations of both communities, spread out in remote, isolated and unprotected areas, and thousands of Hindu and Muslim families living together, not only in the same localities but very often even in the same buildings, a countrywide communal clash and disorder would be a horrible calamity and tragedy. Hundreds of families of both communities, during these disturbances, are stranded and cut off from the outside world surrounded by hostile hooligan elements, and pass days without food and nights without sleep; very often they are rescued by the merciful angel of death before human aid of succour could have them. Therefore, apart from political considerations, dictates of humanity should guide the leadership of both these great mass organisations, to find a solution and avert such disastrous tragedies.

Besides, unlike revolutionary political civil war between rival political parties, the apprehended and dreaded inter-communal strife in India is not going to solve the communal problem. A defeated political party may be exterminated by force, but it would be foolish to attempt to extinguish a large community by perpetual violence and suppression.

Hence, it is imperative that a peaceful solution must be found, even at some cost and sacrifice on both sides. That is the only redemption for the country and for both the communities.

Improvement In India's Import Position

Govt. Resorts To Policy Of Progressive Relaxation Of War-Time Restrictions

BOMBAY, August 14. (A.P.I.): "The trickle of imports" now coming into India will soon develop into a steady stream of a large variety of goods, with the introduction by the Government of a free licensing system for imports, writes an A.P.I. correspondent.

Controllers of imports at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and New Delhi have begun to issue import licences for articles listed in parts two, Three, Four and Five of the Import Trade Control Schedule.

Part Two of the Schedule includes electrical and power machinery, Part Three textile machinery, Part Four consumer goods and Part Five lists a large variety of items not included in the above three parts.

The Government of India has resorted to a policy of progressive relaxation of war-time restrictions on imports, following the investigations of Mr. P. C. Chaudhuri, Director of the India Supply Commission in London, into the import position of India.

Continuation of Import Control has been necessitated according to the Government, by "the persistence of conditions in which the greatest care has still to be taken in regulating in India's expenditure of currencies or a number of foreign countries and owing to the continuing shortage of supplies from the sterling areas".

The relaxation which was announced during the third week of July, it is stated, will have an important bearing on the protection recommended to Indian industries by the Tariff Board. The relaxation will not be such as to be to the detriment of nascent Indian industries and industries which need protection for their development.

The imports of goods, despite the relaxation, will be limited to the extent of the availability of Dollar exchange.

The latter will now be available more freely out of the 20 million dollars allotted to India in 1944 for the import of Capital goods for her post-war development as also due to the Loan Agreement between Britain and the United States. The twenty million dollars although allotted two years ago, have not been utilised fully as yet.

The issuing of licences under the free import licencing policy has made headway, since it was introduced about three weeks ago, and in Bombay, several thousand import licences have already been granted.

ADJOURNMENT ON STRIKE SITUATION IN MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULED OUT

3,000 Scavengers March To Secretariat And Demand Enhanced Pay And Allowance

MADRAS August 14. (A.P.I.): An adjournment motion in the Madras Legislative Assembly to consider the situation arising from the Scavangers strike in the city and mofussil centres was ruled out of order today by Mr. J. Sivashanmugham Pillai, the Speaker.

RECRUITMENT OF NEW WORKERS

Mr. P. Karuppan, General Secretary of the Corporation Workers Union was arrested today for alleged disorderly behaviour and placed before the Chief Presidency Magistrate. He was released on bail. The case against him is posted for August 19 for hearing.

Picketing was resorted to by the strikers in three different centres today.

When the conservancy lorries were being taken out this morning from the shed in Chintadripet, about 200 workers collected in front of the lorries and obstructed the passage. The police soon dispersed the crowd and made the way clear, for the lorries to proceed.

A lorry carrying some of the loyal workers to a workshop in Egmore was stoned by a mob. A similar incident occurred in George Town also this morning. No one was injured.

Two workers were arrested and produced before the Chief Presidency Magistrate who find them rupees five each.

Conservancy work has not suffered in any way on account of the strike, the Health Officer of the Corporation told the Press today. Nearly a thousand new workers have been so far recruited to carry on the work of the strikers, he added.

STRIKERS MARCH TO SECRETARIAT

Over 3,000 strikers including a number of women marched in procession from the Peoples Park to the Secretariat and held a demonstration on the road opposite to the Assembly Chambers this afternoon shouting slogans and demanding enhanced pay and allowance.

Mr. Daniel Thomas, Public Health Minister, came out of his chamber and told them that it was unjust for them to jeopardise the health of the city by staying away from their work. They would have been justified in their strike if the Government was unconcerned. The present Government was the people's own Government, always willing to work for the good of all people. He promised to meet their representatives and sympathetically consider all their representations. He advised them to disperse peacefully and resume work at once.

The demonstrators thereafter dispersed.

MILITARY ACCOUNTS UNION DECLARES STRIKE FROM TODAY

Negotiations Between A.-I. Federation And Govt. Fail

PATNA, August 14. (A.P.I.): Negotiations between the All-India Federation of Military Accounts Union and the Government for redress of grievances of C. M. A. employees having failed, the General Secretary of the Military Accounts Union, Eastern Command, has issued a statement today requesting all his fellow workers in Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam to go on strike from August 15 till and until their demands are met.

In his statements he says: "the authorities in the Bihar area in the name of administration, are victimising us by suspension, issue of charge sheets, wholesale transfer and threats. They have come up with an offer of one extra rupee a day to the non-strikers and are utilising for anti-strike purposes our recreation club fund which has been raised from our pocket.

An appeal to my comrades not to be misled by false propaganda of the authorities and to remain firm and united in their resolve inspired by discipline, solidarity and above all, love of peace".

GANDHI-MAHENDRA PRATAP TALKS

WARDHAGANJ, August 14. (U.P.I.): "If India were to be freed by the Japanese army, there would have been total destruction," said Mahatma Gandhi to Raja Mahendra Pratap when the latter told him that he had to bear all troubles and difficulties in Japan as he was never prepared to help the Japanese to enter India.

Raja Mahendra Pratap was closeted with Gandhiji for about one hour in his cottage in Sewagram yesterday.

After the interview the Raja told United Press of India representative in Gandhiji's camp: "For the first time in my life I got an opportunity of meeting Mahatma Gandhi. I came to know about Gandhiji in 1908 when his Secretary, Mr. Polok, met me at Brindavan and I contributed to his South African fund. Later in 1912 I volunteered my services to go to South Africa to help Gandhiji's cause and was prepared to be arrested but Gokhale advised me not to participate in the South African movement. Then I left India in 1914."

Continuing he said: "I placed before Gandhiji my 31 years' life history outside India, which he heard with rapt attention."

GOVT.'S NEW COTTON POLICY

Inflationary Trends Will Be Stopped

BOMBAY, August 14. (A.P.I.): Announcing Government's cotton policy for 1946-47 the Textile Commissioner to the Government of India says that the present ceiling prices will be continued into 1946-47 and cotton exports through trade channels will be allowed only to the extent of two lakhs bales.

In formulating their policy Government were guided by the necessity for conserving within, India supplies of raw cotton sufficient for the needs of the domestic textile industry "and thereafter to allow the maximum export commensurate with that primary aim", states a press note issued by the Textile Commissioner. Government also wants that inflationary trends are stopped.

Government have decided, says the note, "firstly, that the ceiling prices announced in notification dated January 19 and subsequently amplified in notification dated April 12, 1946," shall be continued into 1946-47 season and shall apply both to the current crop and to the crop marketed during 1946-47.

"Secondly, for the period September 1 to December 31, 1946, cotton exports through trade channels will be allowed only to the extent of two lakh bales and will be confined to Bengal-Deshi, Sind-Deshi, Comra-Deshi Muthia, Dholleras (including Kalagin), Red Coconada, Comilla and Assam-Stappling 11/16 S or less on addition, the export of linters and yellow picking will be allowed. Quotas will be confined to established shippers and fixed for destinations".

TETE A TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

PESHAWAR, August 14, (A.P.I.): Commenting on the Viceroy's invitation to the Congress President to make proposals for an Interim Government at the centre, Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar, Member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League in a statement to the press said: "I am not at all surprised. I suspected a conspiracy between the British and the Hindu Congress for the last several months".

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In his letter to Mr. Jinnah, Jawaharlal is reported to have written that the Congress President having been invited by the Viceroy to undertake the formation of an Interim Government, he (Jawaharlal) is naturally anxious to consult the League President and seek his co-operation.

The explosive nature of the situation inherent in the style and contents of the letter is obvious.

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"I trust the project of the National War Academy will receive the wholehearted support of the Indian Nation."

—Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru.

The Pandit having used that important word in the singular, his appeal is summarily rejected.

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Replying to the anti-zamindari debate initiated by the Congress Party in the Bengal Assembly, Minister S. M. Hussain, we read, expressed agreement in matters like abolishing the zamindari system, but asked for time to complete arrangements for abolishing that "old and complicated institution."

Nevertheless the Minister has badly let down the U.P. and Bihar League brothers.

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The Jewish underground radio has charged the British Government with "declaring war" not only against the Jewish community in Palestine but also against all Jewry.

It wouldn't, of course, be just and in democratic order to charge the Jewish community in Palestine and "all Jewry" with declaring and conducting an aggressive war against Palestine and its people.

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The Jewish National Council at Jerusalem has decided upon immediate enforcing of a policy of non-co-operation.

Without being truthful or non-violent.

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It is suggested by Reuter that Chinese communists may appeal to UNO to resolve the problem of China.

On the basis of two-thirds or simple majority?

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The Iranian Ambassador in Washington declares that Iran might be "forced" to bring the present dispute with Britain over the Basra troops before UNO.

To use or not to use the veto; to stay or not to stay; those are the questions we shall along with M. Gromyko, await the British answer with great interest.

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Replying to Signor De Gasperi's speech at the Paris Peace Conference, M. Molotov declared that the present Italian Government was not pursuing a genuine democratic policy.

Hullo, hullo. This was hardly Comradely or fair to the Communist participants in the Italian Government.

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The Turkish Government has denounced as "false". Moscow allegations of an anti-Soviet conspiracy with Germany.

But don't the Turks understand that it doesn't really matter whether they are false or not?

DAMAGES SUIT AGAINST B. E. S. T. SETTLED

(Before The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

Ramchandra B. Dalal & Another .. Plaintiffs.

vs.

The Bombay Electric Supply & Tramways Co. Ltd. .. Defendants.

The plaintiffs filed this suit claiming Rs. 72,000/- as damages for the death of their son Madhusudan, a Sub-Inspector of Police, caused by the alleged rash and negligent driving of a tramcar by an employee of the defendant company.

On 14th October 1942, the deceased Sub-Inspector was on patrol duty at Falkland Road. While instructing a bullock-cart driver, he was knocked down by a tramcar. He was removed to the hospital in an unconscious condition where he died the next day. The defendant company denied that the tramcar was driven in a rash or negligent manner and pleaded the alternative defences of inevitable accident as well as contributory negligence on the part of the deceased himself.

At the hearing, the parties came to terms. The suit was allowed to be dismissed, no order being made as to costs, but the defendant company agreed to pay 'ex gratia' Rs. 2,000 to the plaintiffs.

Mr. S. A. Desai and Mr. L. P. Pendse instructed by Messrs. Joshi & Co. appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Purshottam Tricamdas instructed by Messrs. Cragie Blunt & Caroe appeared for the defendant company.

Registration Under Sales Tax Act

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A press note says: In view of further requests for extension of the time available for registration under the Bombay Sales Tax Act, 1946, the Government of Bombay has directed the Sales Tax authorities to accept applications for registration up to the said of August 1946. The Government wishes to make it clear to dealers that no further extension of time will be allowed.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

Prospects Of The Final Test At The Oval

BY J. C. MAITRA

The Rain-god appears to be having a gala season at the expense of Cricket in Britain this year. Long ago it was declared by the weather experts that this was the worst summer England had ever had during the last fifty years. But Jupiter Pluvius does not seem to be satisfied with this achievement. Perhaps he wants to set up a new record for the next half century!

Needless to mention, his frolics have been a source of constant worry to our Cricketers who are now touring England. They have never been used to such vagaries of the weather and climatic conditions. In consequence they have not been able to give of their best. In truth, most of them have made miserable exhibitions of themselves—especially after the second Test match at Manchester.

A BATTLE OF WITS

The latest was at Cheltenham against Gloucestershire—Wally Hammond's own county. We had all hoped that it would be exhilarating battle in which some brilliant performances would be witnessed. But man proposes, the rain-god disposes. He made any play impossible for nearly half the scheduled-time. Then it resolved itself into a battle of wits between the two rival captains.

Pataudi won the toss, but invited the home team to bat. He must have been confident of skittling them out for a paltry total on that treacherous ground. Well he might have. But the usual tale of dropped catches came in our way.

However, Hammond paid 'Pat' back in his own coin. He applied closure no sooner than the law of declaration permitted—with only 132 on the board for 3—and invited the tourists to make the best out of the glue-pot. It must be mentioned to the credit of the Indian skipper that he, in the absence of Merchant, went out to open the innings. Not only that he alone batted courageously and judiciously to surpass the home total by a brace of runs.

Undaunted still, Hammond repeated the trick over again. But he had nearly paid the penalty for it. Only the clock saved him from a thrilling defeat.

HOPES FOR A WORTHY FIGHT

Under such circumstances, we cannot be too sanguine about the prospects of the third Test which will commence at the Oval on Saturday. The main question is whether it will be a wet week-end or a dry one. In the former case, the chances will be very much against the tourists as they cannot bat under such conditions and cannot field either. On the top of it, our Captain is sure to be beaten in tactics by his more experienced rival.

Then it must be noted that the home players are at the top of their form at the present moment unlike the tourists. We are tired of the strenuous tour and continuous play to which they are unaccustomed. Our hopes lie on a dry spell of weather and first lease of the wickets. Then Pat must stick to a reliable batting order which unfortunately he has no; done upto now. In addition he must utilize the bowling stock to best advantage and place the field with the utmost care. I am hoping that everybody will be in a fit condition to put up a worthy fight.

Harwood League Football

LEICESTERS GO DOWN TO M. CONTROL

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

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Enjoying territorial advantage throughout, Movement Control could not only once during the 70 minutes play against Leicesters in the second half of the Senior Division of Harwood League Football. Their inability to score more frequently was due in a large measure to the return of Custodian Heath who once again effected a number of saves that were as brilliant as they were valuable. He was very difficult to beat, his anticipation and agility making his a great asset to the otherwise mediocre side.

The winners, however, were not fielding their full strength. Centre-forward Bloomer and right out Gardiner were absent from the attack as was Hardistry who played for them in the Hinrich Shield. This undoubtedly told on the side as they were unable to utilise the chances that came their way. One in particular was so unbelievably easy that the inability of the Controlmen's forwards to turn it to advantage must be ascribed to one of those rarities of soccer. No less that four Movement Control forwards were within a couple of yards from the goal in possession of the ball with Custodian Hawkswell well out of his charge, but none of them was able to shoot straight. The ball going outside the field of play.

For the losers right-back Timms put in a sterling performance as did Slade and Stone, for the winners, the latter having reverted to his original position of left-half. To centre-forward Ambrosi fell the honour of scoring the only goal of the match during the first half.

THE TEAMS:

Movement Control: Lambert; Stocke and Osman; Robinson, Slade and Stone; Goodchild, Pearce, Ambrosi, Goldfinch and Young.

Leicesters: Heath; Timms and Smith; Murray, Finch and Cutts; Buckby, Allen, Ramsey, Gascoyne and Hewitt.

REFEREE:—A. Andrews.

Thursday's match at 5-45 p.m. Young Goans vs. R.A.F.

SUSSEX CRICKETER TO COACH MADRAS PLAYERS

MADRAS, August 14, (A.P.I.): A. F. Wensley, the Sussex crickter who is now a coach at Haileyburg College will shortly be in Madras to coach players under the auspices of the Madras Cricket Association. He will leave England on 7 September 7 arriving in Madras by air on the 11th.

Bombay Team Enters Quarter-Final

CALCUTTA, August 14, (A.P.I.): Trades India Club (Bombay) entered into the quarter-final of the I.F.A. Shield, when they beat 24-Parganas District Association by 2 goals to nil today.

They will now meet the Moghal Club in the quarter final

Pollard Takes Place Of Wright

LONDON, August 14, (Reuter): It was announced by the Marylebone Cricket Club today that owing to recurrence of leg trouble D.V.P. Wright, Kent legsbreak bowler will be unable to play in the Final Test against India starting Saturday, August 17, at the Kennington Oval. His place will be taken by W. Pollard, Lancashire fast medium bowler who it can be recalled took the place of Peter Smith for the Second Test when the latter was unable to play owing to a strained back.

Bulgaria Protests Against Greek Claims

Indian Delegation Arranges Representatives On Peace Conference Committees

PARIS, August 14 (Reuter).—The Indian Delegation to the Peace Conference has now arranged its representatives on the Conference Committees as follows:

GENERAL COMMITTEE: Sir Samunel Runganadhan (Leader of the Delegation), Sir Joseph Bhore and Mr. R. S. Mani.

TERRITORIAL COMMITTEES—Italy: Sir Samuel Runganadhan, Sir Joseph Bhore, Sir Khizr Hayat Khan, Mr. R. S. Mani and Mr. A. V. Pai.

BULGARIA: Sir Samuel Runganadhan, Sir Navroji Wadia, Mr. H. J. Trevelyan and Mr. K. Roy.

RUMANIA: Sir Samuel Runganadhan, Sir Navroji Wadia, Mr. H. J. Trevelyan and Mr. K. Roy.

HUNGARY: Sir Khizr Hayat Khan, Mr. A. V. Pai and Mr. R. S. Mani.

FINLAND: Sir Khizr Hayat Khan, Mr. A. V. Pai and Mr. R. S. Mani.

ECONOMIC COMMITTEES—Italy; Sir Joseph Bhore (Chairman), Sir Raghavan Pillai and Mr. M. R. Ahuja.

BALKANS: Sir Raghavan Pillai and Mr. M. R. Ahuja.

MILITARY COMMITTEE: Sir Khizr Hayat Khan, Major-Gen. Stuart and Col. Khayauddin.

LEGAL COMMITTEE: Sir Joseph Bhore and Sir Navroji Wadia.

BULGARIAN PROTEST

The Bulgarian Premier, M. Kimon Georgiev, accused Greece of Chauvinism in claiming Bulgarian territory when he gave his country's views on the draft peace treaty prepared for it by the 'Big Four' before the plenary session of the Paris Conference today.

He said that not only did the Greek Government show no inclination to make good even to some extent past injuries to Bulgaria and satisfy Bulgaria's legitimate and vital claim to an outlet on the Aegian, but it made demands for more territory. There was not a single Greek village in the territory of Southern Bulgaria claimed by Greece, he asserted. On the other hand, the stretch of Aegean coast between Marilza and Mesta, now Greek, could not live without its Bulgarian hinterland or the hinterland without the coast.

Greece was claiming in reparations more than Bulgaria had to pay in 1919 to all the Allied powers. He pleaded against reductions in the Bulgarian Army.

PLEA FOR LENIENT TREATMENT

After the Polish and Ukranian delegates had urged a lenient treatment of "New Bulgaria" and defended her right to an outlet to the Aegean, which was denied her by the Greeks, the Greek Prime Minister, M. Constantin Tsaldaris, said that the Bulgarian Government had not abandoned its annexationst claims on Hellenic Thrace. It was only under Allied coercive force that Bulgaria withdrew troops from this territory, he said.

HUNGARY ASKS FOR ENQUIRY

Hungary asked the Paris Conference today to set up two committees of inquiry to investigate the problems between her and two of her neighbours—Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

The two problems for inquiry are: First Transylvania, northern part of which under the draft treaties reverts to Rumania from whom it was taken by the Axis imposed Vienna Award of 1940: and second, the Hungarian minority in Slovakia.

POLICE RAID SOCIALIST SATYAGRAHA CAMP

LAHORE, August 14. (A.P.I.): A police party headed by a sub-inspector raided the Satyagraha camp at Chotala in Hissar District yesterday and arrested 123 persons there, according to a telegram received by the Punjab Congress Socialist Party today. Chotala is the scene of the second 'Morcha' at present going on in Punjab, the first being the Harse Chhina Kisan Morcha near Amritsar, where over 600 persons have been arrested in connection with the movement against the canal remodelling scheme. At Chota Lathi peasants are resisting eviction notices served against about 500 peasants of the locality by the landowners.

Britain's Policy About Dardanelles

LONDON, August 14. (A.P.A.): A Foreign Office spokesman said today Britain would reject Russia's proposal that only Turkey and "other Black Sea Powers" control the vital Straits of Dardanelles.

PRE-REQUISITE FOR REVISION OF MONTREUX CONVENTION

It is the view of the British Government that the agreement among the signatories of the Montreux Convention governing the Dardanelles should not be revised without the concurrence of all the interested states, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

However, he said, Japan, one of the signatories, would not be invited to any revision conference while the United States, not a signatory, would be.

Amr Pasha's Surprise Visit To Alexandria

CAIRO, Aug. 14, (Reuter). Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, the Egyptian Ambassador in London, arrived unexpectedly in Alexandria last night. Egyptian circles in Alexandria attach great importance to the sudden arrival, believing it to be connected more with the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty negotiations than with the Palestine question.

According to an unconfirmed report, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha will see Lord Stansgate, Secretary for Air, and Head of the British Delegation, today. Immediately after his arrival last night, Amr Pasha saw Ismail Sidky Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, and Hassan Youssef Pasha, chief of the Royal Cabinet.

Sinecure For Churchill

DOVER, August 14. (Reuter): Church bells rang out a welcome, guns fired a salute, and be-robed dignitaries of more than a dozen south coast ports and towns took part in centuries-old pageantry here today, when the former British Prime Minister Mr. Winston Churchill was installed as the Lord Warden and Admiral of the Cinque ports.

Greek Prince In Afghanistan

KABUL, Aug. 14, (API). Prince Peter of Greece, who was in Afghanistan for some days as the guest of the Afghan Government, has left for Iran on his way back. During his stay which he spent studying the country, Prince Peter was received to His Majesty. He also met other great personalities of Afghanistan.

Prakasam Intervenes?

Prospects Of Averting S. I. Railway Strike

MADRAS, Aug. 14, (A.P.A.): Observers indicated that there was still some possibility of averting the impending strike in the South Indian Railway, as Union leaders met Premier Prakasham and Labour Minister Giri today to discuss the minimum terms for a settlement.

The optimism followed the cancellation by the S. I. R. General Manager of a seven-point charge sheet against Union leaders. One of the charges levelled against the Union leaders was that they were using "base methods" to intimidate loyal workers.

Jai Prakash On "Treachery" Of Communist Party

PATNA, Aug. 13. (A.P.I.): History affords few instances of treacherous behaviour rivalling that of the Communist Party of India in 1942 said Mr. Jai Prakash Narayan, Congress Socialist leader addressing the Second Session of the Science College Students Congress here today.

Mr. Jai Prakash Narayan expressed the opinion that the Students' Congress was the only true representative body of students and that the Students Federation was obedient to the will of Moscow and asked his audience not to believe in the Students' Federation.

Kher Deplores Poona Sales Tax Hartal

POONA, August 14, (A.P.I.): The action of Poona shopkeepers in observing 'hartal' to-day as a protest against the proposed levying of Sales Tax by the Bombay Government was severely criticised by Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay to-day.

He told the "Associated Press of India" that he was much grieved that the shopkeepers of Poona, who, "professed themselves to be Congress minded", should have undertaken this "ill-advised" step, when shopkeepers in Madras, Punjab, Bengal, Bihar and other provinces were paying the same tax without raising any objection, if not cheerfully.

SALES TAX HARTAL IN POONA

POONA, August 14, (A.P.I.): Business is at stand still in Poona today. Cloth shops, grocers' shops and other business houses including restaurants are observing a 'hartal' today as a protest against the proposed Sales Tax by the Bombay Government.

NO PASSPORT TO "PEOPLE'S AGE" CORRESPONDENT

Dr. G. Adhikari, Editor of the "People's Age" has issued the following:

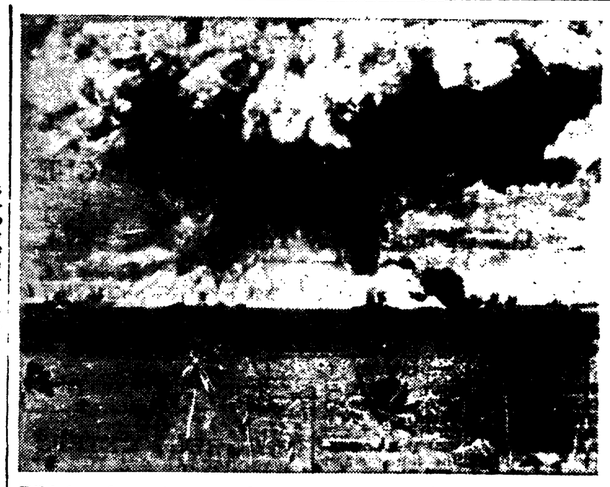
The Care-taker Government of India has refused to permit Mr. Sharaf Athar Ali to proceed to Europe as special correspondent of "People's Age."

"But Major Arthur Henderson, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for India, clearly stated in a letter to Mr. Phil Piratin, M. P. on June 17 that the British Government had no objection to the "People's Age" correspondent being granted passport facilities.

"Despite this, the Care-taker Government has now informed us that it refuses to grant Mr. Sharaf Athar Ali a passport.

Enquiries in New Delhi reveal that the Home Department specially intervened to prevent the "People's Age" correspondent going to Europe, because of the political views of the paper.

"This unwarranted discrimination on political grounds constitutes a serious attack on the rights of the Indian press.



Bikini under-water atom bomb test result shows a column of water 2,000 feet across at its base, rising boiling 5,000 feet up. Ships of the "Guinea Pig" fleet are silhouetted against creamy wave boiling at base of column.

Foremost Br. Socialist Intellectual

Attlee's Tributes To Wells' Services

LONDON, August 13. (Reuter) The death of the world famous British writer, H. G. Wells, which took place today, deprives Britain one of its most distinguished men, declared the British Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee.

"In many directions he anticipated future developments", Mr. Attlee said, in paying a tribute to Wells.

"For instance, although he had no military experience, in one of his short stories, he anticipated the static warfare of the first World War and the advent of the tank. His sociological works did much to educate public opinion.

"Those of my generation, who remember him in the Fabian Society (British Socialist Intellectual Move-

H. G. Wells

ment) in the early years of the present century will not underrate the service which he did to the Socialist movement in the days when Socialism was the creed of an unpopular and small minority."

WELLS' BODY TO BE CREMATED

LONDON, August 14. (Reuter): H. G. Wells, world-famous English writer who died at his London home yesterday, is to be cremated, Reuter learns. The ceremony will be private and no date will be announced for the funeral. The writer's eldest son, Mr. G. P. Wells, said to-day that Wells' heart had been slowly failing for over two years. "His health varied very greatly", stated Mr. G. P. Wells. "At times he remained in bed and his condition caused grave concern. Then he recovered astonishingly and became active again".

Saying that Wells had become weaker again about two weeks ago, his son declared that in the last two days "he seemed to have improved and it was hoped and believed that he would rally again". "The end came suddenly", he added.

Schools Committee's Tributes To Wells

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Tributes were paid to Mr. H. G. Wells by the Municipal Schools Committee in appreciation of his contribution in the field of education at the Committee meeting held this afternoon at the Corporation Hall. Mr. Ganpatishanker Desai the Chairman of the Committee presiding.

TRIBUTE TO WELLS: A tribute to H. G. Wells will be broadcast by Prof. R. Choksi from A.I.R. Bombay at 5-45 p.m. to-day.

SIKHS FALL IN LINE WITH CONGRESS

(Continued from Page 1)

two major communities in Paras 15 and 19 of the Cabinet Mission's proposals.

"Though the grave apprehensions of the Sikh community concerning their future under the Cabinet Mission scheme continue to exist, yet the appeal and the assurances of the Indian National Congress carry weight with the Board.

GIVE IT FAIR TRIAL

"In these circumstances and after careful deliberations, the Board is of the view that the situation calls for an earnest effort by the Sikhs to give the Constituent Assembly method a fair trial to secure for the Sikhs similar safeguards in the Union and the Provincial spheres as are provided for the two major communities in the long-term proposals.

"The Panthic Board is further of the view that like the boycott method, this method in order to be effective and successful requires the united, disciplined and de-ermined support of the Panth, and the Board earnestly appeals to all Sikhs for all support.

CALL TO SIKH MEMBERS

"If unfortunately such methods fail, then the Panth will be doubly justified in going back to its previous resolve of boycott and direct action and in recalling the Sikh members of the Constituent Assembly. The Board, therefore, advises the Sikh M.L.A's to return their representatives to the Constituent Assembly and those Sikh representatives will raise the question of the safeguards mentioned above in the preliminary meeting of the Constituent Assembly and the Board expects that all the parties in the Assembly will support the Sikh demand in this behalf."

LAHORE, August 14 (API).—A police party headed by a Sub-Inspector raided Satyagraha camp at Chotala yesterday and arrested 123 persons there, according to telegram received by the Punjab Congress Socialist Party. Chotala is the scene of the second Satyagraha campaign at present being conducted by Kisans in Punjab, the first being the month-old Harse Chhina Kisan 'Morcha' near Amritsar, where over 600 arrests have already been made.

According to the telegram received by the Congress Socialist Party all except twelve of the 123 arrested at Chotala were later released and that some of the arrested persons were "maltreated" at the police station before they were let off.

The Executive Committee of the Congress Socialist Party has decided to defy the order under Sec. 144 that has been promulgated at Chotala, prohibiting meetings within a radius of ten miles of the Satyagraha camp. The party proposed to send its own Jathas to take part in the Satyagraha at Chotala and Munshi Ahmedsdin, General Secretary of the Party, will be shortly leaving for Chotala to direct the Satyagraha.

WORLD FOOD RESERVE

U. S. Govt. Accept Plan For "International Granary"

WASHINGTON, August 14 (Reuter).—President Truman's Cabinet has approved the general principle of an "International Granary" outlined by Sir John Boyd-Orr, Director of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, Mr. Henry Wallace, Secretary of Commerce stated last night.

Denying reports that this plan had been rejected, Mr. Wallace declared that on the contrary ,the Cabinet had accepted the principle without a dissenting voice and asked that further study be made.

Sir John Boyd-Orr's proposal would establish a world food reserve and make possible the disposal of farm products on special terms to the needy countries.

Mr. Wallace said: "Some such plan as this will sooner or later have to be adopted on the plight of farmers in the world will eventually be worse for a time than it was in 1921 or 1932.

I believe that our ever normal granary programme has made a great contribution to world welfare during the recent war and the extention of that programme internationally is necessary for continued world peace and prosperity."

INDONESIAN PADDY FOR INDIA

NEW DELHI, August 14 (API).—It is learnt that the first ship load of paddy from Indonesia is expected in India by the end of this month.

BUILDING JAILS FOR LEAGUE POLITICALS!

GAUHATI, August 14. (O.P.I.): It is gathered from a reliable source that the Government of Assam have ordered the construction of several jails exclusively for political prisoners in view of the League having declared the policy of Direct Action. The jails will be situated on the Naga Hills, at Sylhet, Shillong and Gauhati.

The circles in close touch with the officials and in the know of things describe this step of the Government as a prelude to the policy of a repression and oppression which the Government is going to embark upon.

Information has just been received here that the Government of Assam have requisitioned 450 troops to Barpeta to assist the local police in meeting any serious situation which the Government fears might arise due to meetings and processions on Augst 16.

GOVT. OFFICIAL ASSAULTED BY MILITARY

Further Evidence In Abdullah's Trial: Defence Arguments To Begin Today

SRINIGAR, (K.M.R.) August 13, (A.P.I.): The examination of defence witnesses began at the resumed hearing of the sedition case against Shaikh Abdulla before the Sessions Judge of Kashmir.

Pandit Shankerlal Koul Publicity officer to Kashmir Government was the first whose statement was recorded. The witness deposed that press communiques issued by him have the general approval of the Government and these communiques are based on information received through official channels from various departments. No press note was issued about the alleged instances of rape and other acts of repression in the Badigam area.

Mr. Asaf Ali requested the witness to produce a copy of the famous statement issued by his Highness the Maharaja of Kashmir at the time of the Cripps' Mission in 1942.

Cross examined by the prosecution counsel, the witness said that there were complaints from police and military that people often crossed bridges with stones concealed in their hands and that they were stoned. As a precautionary measure people were made to cross bridges with raised hands.

Khwaja Ghulam Mohammed Dar, Municipal Commissioner was next examined. He said that people were sorry and enraged at the resignation of Mr. Baigand and the subsequent appointment Mian Ahmed Yar as minister.

The witness then gave some instances of military excess. He was ordered by the military to cross one bridge carrying his cycle on his shoulder which he did as a loyal citizen. He gave the names of three Government officials who were ill-treated and one of them assaulted by the military. The witness was then cross-examined.

Shaikh Abdullah submitted to the court that at the resumed hearing tomorrow only two more defence witnesses will be examined. These are Mr. Anwar Shaikh who worked as a magistrate on special duty during the recent disturbances and Maulana Mohammed Syed, General Secretary of the National Conference who is now an under-trial prisoner detained at the Badami Bagh cantonment.

The defence will begin arguments on Thursday August 15.

Russia Follows Wardha Lead?

Opposes Portugal's Entry Into U. N. O.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (A.P.A.): It was reported here today that Russia, Poland and Mexico have objected to the admission of Portugal to the United Nations.

A member of the Security Council's Membership Committee said the Polish delegate, M. Muckalowski, charged that the present regime in Portugal is similar to that of "Fascist Spain."

It was said that the Mexican delegate, Senor Peon de Valle offered similar objections while A. Krasilnikov of Russia, gave no reasons for his opposition.

Moscow also withheld its verdict on Iceland's application.

The Polish delegate said that the Portuguese were undoubtedly a peace-loving people, but that their present regime was "ideologically related to the present regime in Spain and to regimes which had existed in Germany and Italy". He accused Portugal of harbouring German war criminals and assets.

Britain and the United States warmly supported the Portuguese request.

France declined to support Siam's application seeking a settlement of the territorial dispute between the two countries.

GOA LEADER GETS THREE YEARS

BOMBAY, August 14, (A.P.I.): The Court Martial appointed by the Portuguese Government in Goa to try cases in connection with the present agitation for safeguarding civil liberties in Goa has sentenced Mr. Upendra Talaulikar to three years' imprisonment and to suspension of civil rights for a period of 15 years, according to information received by the Goa Congress Committee in Bombay.

LOHIA TO GO TO GOA AGAIN

CALCUTTA, August 14. (A.P.I.): Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia met a number of leading members of the Goan Community in Calcutta last evening. It is understood that he will be revisiting Goa in the middle of September.

"Cunha Was With His Family For Two Days"

BOMBAY, August 14 (A.P.I.): A note has been received by the Consul-General for Portugal in Bombay from the military headquarters at Goa, stating that Mr. Tristao Branganca Cunha, Leader of the Goan Freedom Movement, was allowed to remain with his family for two days prior to his being deported from Goa by the S. S. "Laurenco Marques."

The note states the report that Mr. Cunha was allowed to interview his relatives for only two minutes under the surveillance of armed guards is incorrect.

Mr. Cunha has been taken by the S. S. "Laurenco Marques" to Portugal via Suez. It is not known where Mr. Cunha will be taken from Portugal or whether he will be detained there itself.

JAWAHARLAL ON GOA

BOMBAY, Aug. 13.

"I am not in a position to express any opinion to which province of Goa might attach itself to", says Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a letter to the Secretary of the Goan Association, Bombay, who had sought his views on the matter following the resolution of the Maharashtra unification conference that Goa must be merged into Maharashtra province. Pandit Nehru, in his reply, emphasises that the general Congress policy is to give complete freedom for a group to develop its own language even though it may be situated in another linguistic area.

D. F. KARAKA

Off My Chest

Published elsewhere is a letter of about a column in length under the title "Nasik Golf Club." It refers to alleged inaccuracies in a column of mine, which measured about a third of a column. The letter is signed by a Staff Captain, Public Relations Department of the Indian Army.

You needn't read this letter because I will sum it up for you: It says that my column on the Nasik Golf Club was based on inaccuracies, that the plot is not 150 acres but 103, that a bull-dozer, and not mechanical tractors, was used on the Golf Club's ground, that while these tractors were not lent by the ARMY, as I had said, the bull-dozer "was obtained by private arrangement with the British and Indian Forces, Japan," and THAT the experiment was tried "in order to INCREASE THE CLUB'S INCOME."

The letter states that the Committee of the Club invited me to go to Nasik and inspect the land and that I did not avail myself of this opportunity. I'll go further and say I did not even acknowledge the letter.

What I want to know is what is a Public Relations Officer of the Army doing in this matter between the Nasik Golf Club and me? If this department hasn't got any other better work to do, let's close down the Department. It doesn't take a column to say that the Army lent only a bull-dozer.

Secondly, the letter (of a column) is written on facts supplied by the Collector of Nasik. What business is it of the Collector of Nasik to poke his nose into this affair? Collectors, we know, have little to do at most times, but how does he fit into this picture?

Thirdly, I fail to understand why the Nasik Golf Club who have we presume a literate Secretary, write a short letter to the paper or to me stating where the article complained of was inaccurate. It is true he wrote me a letter. But does the Secretary of the Nasik Golf Club seriously expect every journalist to go all over the country to inspect the scene of every story that is written upon? I thought at first that this letter of the Secretary was clever, humorous and I conceded to him that he had scored a point by inviting me to inspect the land. I hardly realised he was serious.

The Staff Captain objects to my reference to "a bunch of tired Englishmen in Western India." He says it implies that the membership of the Club is entirely confined to Europeans. He points out that in fact out of a membership of 367, 100 are Indians. The Staff Captain of the Public Relations Department, however, swallows my phrase HOME COURSE without any qualms. Whose HOME are you referring to, Captain?

FRENCH ADMIRALS CONVICTED

Echo Of Scuttling Fleet At Toulon In 1942

PARIS, Aug. 14, (Reuter). After a session lasting 21 hours, the special French High Court trying French Admirals accused of "unjustifiably scuttling" the French fleet at Toulon in 1942, today announced its verdicts.

Admiral Gabriel Auphan, whose whereabouts are unknown and who was tried in his absence, was sentenced to hard labour for life and confiscation of all his property.

Admiral Jean Gabriel was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour and Admiral Louis Marquis to five years' imprisonment.

Admiral Jean Laborde, who is bed-ridden, is to be tried on similar charges later.

The French Government is now faced with the problem of tracking down Admiral Auphan in order that the sentence on him may be carried out. When the trial was first called, it was reported that he was ready to come from his Swiss hideout to answer accusations but he did not appear.

The announcement of verdicts at 10/45 a.m. GMT (pm IST) today ended one of the longest court sessions in French history the hearing began at 1-45 pm GMT (7-15 p.m. IST) yesterday and there were few respites.

FOUR MORE COCHIN DEPTS. UNDER POPULAR MINISTERS

MADRAS, Aug. 14, (APA). It was learned here today that four more departments of the Cochin State Government would be transferred to popular ministers in the near future. A proclamation transferring power to popular control in those departments is expected at the end of the current session of the State Legislative Council on Aug. 17.

Cochin Advisory Council

ERNAKULAM, August 13, (A.P.I.): The following have been elected unopposed to the proposed Advisory Committees set up by the Cochin Government:— Rao Bahadur T. K. Nair, Rao Saheb K. Ayyappan, Mr. P. Govinda Menon and Mr. O. R. Iyyunni.

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SALE OF CHEAP MILK IN BOMBAY CITY

The mixture of fresh milk of good quality with reconstituted separated milk in the proportion of 100 lb. to 60 lb. produces milk of 4 per cent fat content, and 9 per cent solids-not-fat and at the same time helps to reduce the price. Such toned and blended milk is now being offered for sale to the people of Bombay City at the rate of annas 8 per seer. This milk is good for adults as also for children including infants.

The milk is sold every day between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the following centres:—

Government Grain Shops—No. 22, Vithalbhai Patel Road; No. 48, Lady Jamshedji Road; No. 74, Kareiwadi (Girgaum); No. 84, Shahmansion (Matunga); No. 151, Colaba (near BEST).

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Jinnah Receives Nehru's Letter

CONGRESS WILL GO AHEAD IF LEAGUE REMAINS ADAMANT

Gandhiji Getting Ready To Leave For Delhi

BOMBAY, August 14.

The Congress President Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's letter to the Muslim League President, Mr. Jinnah, inviting his party's co-operation in the formation of an immediate Provisional National Interim Government, was delivered to the Muslim League President shortly before midday today.

WARDHAGANJ, August 14 (UPI):—The 'United Press of India' understands that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad will assist Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Congress President, in the initial stages of negotiations with the Viceroy in respect of the formation of the Provisional National Government.

Maulana Azad left to-day for Calcutta where from he will proceed to New Delhi to be there on about August 18. Sardar Patel also will accompany Pandit Nehru from Bombay on August 17.

The Working Committee will, however, be called a few days later to give its seal of final approval to the Nehru-Wavell negotiations.

No definite report of Gandhiji's leaving for Delhi is available at the moment and Sewagram seems to be unusually reticent, but informed political circles in close touch with the Mahatma are openly hinting at a Gandhi-Wavell meeting by the fourth week of August. It is understood that Gandhiji is preparing himself to leave for Delhi at short notice. It appears, his departure for Delhi will materialise after he will receive a communication from Pandit Nehru after his interview with the Viceroy.

ALTERNATIVE

Well informed Congress circles here point out that past experience in the matter of conciliating the Muslim League was unfortunately not very happy and the Congress President will be glad to meet Mr. Jinnah only if the latter feels so inclined.

If, however, he is unwilling to personally discuss matters with Pandit Nehru or refuses to revise the Bombay decision of the Muslim League and to co-operate with the Congress in the Interim Government, the only possibility appears to be to fill up the League quota of 5 with 5 Nationalist Muslims.

Probably the Nationalist Muslims personnel, it is stated, was discussed by the Working Committee and the 'United Press of India' learns that a tentative list of 20 Nationalist Muslim was made, out of which 5 would be selected in the event of the League's ultimate refusal to join the Interim Government.

In this connection, it is learnt that the total strength of the new Government will be 14 as was finally proposed by the Viceroy in Delhi, but it may be increased to 15 as was originally proposed by the Congress if the Interim Government had to be formed without the League.

WARDHA, August 14 (A.P.I.): Pandit Nehru, Maulana Azad and Sardar Patel held a conference last night and discussed the proposals to be submitted to the Viceroy by the Congress President for the formation of the Interim Government.

It is learnt that the ratio of six, five, three will be maintained and there is no likelihood of any change being effected in the list of Congress nominees which was submitted to the Viceroy during the recent constitutional negotiations at Delhi.

Pandit Nehru will pay a visit to Mahatma Gandhi at Sewagram today before leaving for Bombay.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will be arriving in Delhi by about August 17.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, a Member of Parliamentary Sub-Committee, who is at present in Pilani will also be arriving in Delhi this week-end.

KRIPALANI TO ACT AS CONGRESS CHIEF?

WARDHAGANJ, Aug. 14. (UPI): An important issue cropped up in yesterday's session of the Working Committee, namely who should be the next President of the Congress as Pandit Nehru is joining the Interim Government and as the consensus of opinion among the Working Committee members appears to be that he should not retain his Presidentship when he joins the Viceroy's Cabinet. At yesterday's meeting, it is understood, four names were originally suggested, but the choice seems to be divided equally between only two, namely Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Acharya J. B. Kripalani. In view, however, of two facts, viz. that Dr. Rajendra Prasad's name was included in the Congress list of members of the Interim Government in June and the present tendency being not to make any changes in that list, and also because his keeping indifferent health, Acharya Kripalani seems to be the only leader in the field and his name is being freely discussed in leaders' camp for the next Congress Presidentship.

Rajen Babu is not present here, however, it is understood, being consulted in the matter and the final decision both in respect of Pandit Nehru's successor as the Congress President as well as the personnel of the new Executive Council will be made only after Pandit Nehru meets Lord Wavell in New Delhi.

The United Press of India learns that prior to the conclusion of the Working Committee last evening Pandit Nehru asked the members to get themselves ready to leave at short notice for Delhi where there will be another session of the Committee by the third week or early in the fourth week of this month.

Congress Sympathy For Labour

Working Committee Says Legitimate Demands Must Be Met

WARDHA, August 13 (A.P.I.): The Congress Working Committee in a statement issued today expresses sympathy with the working class in its struggle to improve its economic condition and urges on Governments and employers in the country to take early steps to satisfy the legitimate needs and aspirations of the working class. The statement points out that avoidable strikes cannot have the backing of public opinion in view of the dire need of the country for more goods and services. Refusal to take advantage of available means of settlement by negotiation, and arbitration constitute a distinct disservice to the community and working class itself. The Committee also regrets the growing lack of discipline and disregard of obligations on the part of workers as evident in certain recent labour disputes.

HEAVY MATERIAL LOSS

The statement says: "The Working Committee view with deep concern the intense widespread labour unrest which has in recent months involved numerous industries and services in the country in large scale and prolonged stoppages, entailing heavy material loss and serious hardships to the community as well as the working class. The Committee are aware of the fact that labour upheaval through which the country has been passing is largely occasioned by serious privations to which the workers have been subjected in consequence of the tremendous economic maladjustments created by the war, especially excessive rise in the cost of living that has remained uncompensated to a very large extent. The committee are further of the opinion that labour troubles in the country have been aggravated by total absence of a well-defined national plan or policy in dealing with claims of this class, by delay in redressing grievances by means of conciliation, arbitration and adjudication and by the confusion arising out of inco-ordinated action taken in the matter in different parts of the country.

The sympathy of the Congress with the working class in its struggle to improve its economic position and its status is too well-known to require reiteration and in furtherance of this, the Committee urge on Government and employees in the country to take early steps to satisfy legitimate needs and aspirations of working class and remove every cause of genuine discontent by arranging for impartial examination of conditions and complaints of employees and by prompt settlement of disagreement by a process of conciliation and arbitration.

The Committee feel further it is necessary in general interest to point out that avoidable strikes cannot have the backing of public opinion, in view of dire need of the country for more goods and services. Hasty or ill-conceived stoppages or refusal to take advantage of available means of settlement by negotiation conciliation and arbitration constitute a distinct disservice to the community and the working class itself.

ARBITRATION ADVISABLE

The Committee in this connection emphasise that in particular industries and services, which are essential for the existence of the community and on which the community and public administration depend, should be immune from dislocation by strikes and lockouts and disputes between employers and employees (including Government) should be finally settled by arbitration and adjudication.

The committee have also with regret to take note of the growing lack of discipline and disregard of obligations on the part of workers which have become evident in some recent labour disputes, and would stress the need for discipline and respect for rights and requirements of others and of the community as a whole as an indispensable foundation of a strong trade union movement and the basis of orderly social life. The Committee understand that undesirable features of labour situation are due in part to the efforts of certain individuals and sections to exploit the ignorance of workers and the need of the community for ulterior aims, political or other, and this makes it all the more incumbent on the Congress now to develop further contacts with labour and serve its cause to the best of their ability and to discriminate between occasions on which labour action deserves their support and those which call for restraint or dissuasion.

INFLATED PRICES

"While the means suggested by the Working Committee for improving the relations between the employees and employers and for promoting an amicable settlement of disputes will help to relieve situations, the Committee are convinced that the inflated level of prices which still persist is retarding the restoration of normal economic conditions, and is leading to a vicious race between prices and wages accentuating the existing difficulties, and that no lasting solution of these difficulties will be available so long as a definite policy regarding a future price structure does not take shape and an orderly and just basis is not provided for the economic relations in the country. While these fundamental problems can be handled only by a Central Government, the Committee feels that such integration of policy and action in this matter as is possible in the provincial sphere should be attempted immediately."

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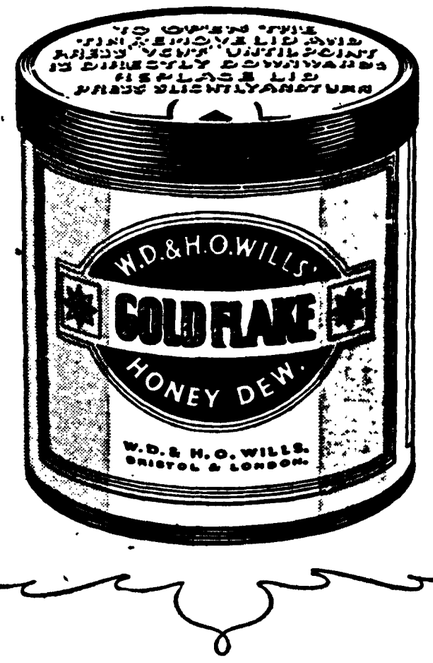

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Increased Selling At Rise On Stock Exchange

FURTHER DROP IN BULLION MARKET

Sharp Decline In Cotton Prices On Disappointment Over Government Policy

BOMBAY, August 14.

The Share Bazar opened steady and improved on moderate buying but the rise induced moderate liquidation which resulted in some decline from higher levels.

The general sentiment remains bullish but the recent improvement being too rapid and as pointed out the market being overbought needed some correction.

Tata Steel Defds opened to-day at Rs. 3580 and advanced at Rs. 3625 but reacted at Rs. 3610. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 632 and advanced at Rs. 645 but reacted at Rs. 639.

Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 3225 and advanced at Rs. 3240 and reacted at Rs. 3225. Kohinoor shares opened at Rs. 1164 and advanced at Rs. 1180 but reacted at Rs. 1166. Simplex Mill shares after advancing at Rs. 610 reacted at Rs. 590.

Thereafter there was further liquidation from important quarters which resulted in further declines. Tata Steel Defds declined at Rs 3590 while Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 634. Bombay Dyeing shares were steady at Rs. 3225 but Kohinoors downturned at Rs. 1149 and Simplex shares were lowered at Rs. 560. Gokaks were quoted at Rs. 548 and Nagpurs were done at Rs. 528. Associated Cements were placed at Rs. 269. Bellapurs changed hands at Rs. 358 and Bombay Burmas were done at Rs. 900. Indian Irons were quoted at Rs. 65/10 as a result of strike and the market was quiet.

Towards the close there was renewed buying and Tata Steel Defds rallied at Rs. 3605. Ordinary shares firmed up at Rs. 640. Bombay Dyeings rose to Rs. 3255. Kohinoors improved at Rs. 1160 and Simplex shares were quoted at Rs. 575. Closing tone was steady

As a result of days trading Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs. 13. Ordinary lost Rs. 2/8, Bombay Dyeing gained Rs 42/8, Kohinoors lost Rs. 11, Swadeshi Rs. 11, Nagpur Rs. 11, Finlay Rs. 16, Gokaks Rs. 13, Indores Rs. 6, Burma Rs. 6 and Bellapurs Rs. 3/8. Trams lost Rs. 8.

COTTON MILLS.

Bombay Dyeing 3247/8 Century 1250 Nagpur 523 Swadeshi 981 New Great 634 Simplex 572 Kohinoor 1148 Colaba 500 Gokak 554 Phoenix 1400 Mysore 382/8 Indian Bleaching 261 Swan 525 Finlay 508 Morarji 1010 Indore 1027/8

STEEL

Tata Steel Deferred 3600 Tata Steel Ordinary 635/8

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Hydro 247 Andhra Valley 2030 Tata Power 2130 Tram (Ord) 152

CEMENT.

Assc. Merger 270/8

INDUSTRIES.

Burma 897/8 Alcock 671/4 Bellapur 357 Shivrajpur 62/8 Steamer (Old) 440 Scindia 56/10 Premier Construction 369

CASH SHARES (TEXTILE)

Apollo 6/7 Elphinstone 128/8 India United (Ord) 26/12 India united (Defd) 6/2 India Manufacturing 4600 Koorla 415 Khatau 506/4 Dawn 1452/8 David 246/4 New City 340 Minerva 300 Bradbury 661/4 Bharucha (Dfd) 16/4 Bharat 81/12 Madhavji 26 Modi 345 Laxmi 2115 Vishnu 842/8 Western 4600 Standard 710 Sholapur 10,000 Sassoon Cotton 40 Hindustan 363/12 Meyer 358/12 Edward 937/8 Tata 133 Ahmedabad Advance 580 Sassoon Silk 164 New Union 36 Podar 447/8 Madhusudan 615 Madhusudan B 120 Srinivas 580 Raja Bahadur 175 Berar 500 Victoria 225

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 220 (New) 126/4 Surat (Ord) 257/8 (New) 190 Karachi 240 Broach 14 Ajmer 16 Amalgamated 20/12 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 305 Bombay Suburban 248/12 Bombay Suburban (New) 160

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 169/8 Imperial 3290 P. P. 827/8 Central 149 India 275 Union 21 Baroda 218/8 Habib 166 ABC 58 Dena Bank 74 United Commercial 131/8 Jaipur 89/8 Hindustan Commercial 70 National Savings (fully paid) 91 National Savings (part paid) 54/8 Mysore 505 Exchange (Ord) X. R. 94/8 Eastern 112

INSURANCE

Oriental 8500 Empire 1390 New India 120 Jupiter 58/8 Vulcan 24/8 Indian Mercantile 86 Universal Fire 23/8 Vasant 26/4 British India General 34/12 Industrial Prudential 68 Neptune 14 New Great 43 All-India General 65

RAILWAYS

Ahmedabad Prantij 695 C P. 105 Pachora 90

MISCELLANEOUS

Burma New 318/8 Burma Petrol 7/5 Tata Oil X.R. 130 Port Canning 117 Kemp 510 Zandu Pharmacy 218/2 Indian Radio (Ord) 395 Indian Radio B 375, Indian Radio 375 Indian Investment Trust 149 Wimco 662/8 Tata Chemical 29/2 Dharamsey Chemical 49 Mukund Iron 15/6 Dena Trust 28/8 Alembic 408/8 Supreme India 228 (New) 180 Jamwire 160 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchandnagar Industries 555 United Motor 66 A.C.C. New 140/8 Baroda Glass 10/14

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref) 272/8 Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 198/8 Tram 73/8 Andhra Valley 1710 Tata Power 1810 Hydro 182/8 Bombay Steamer 352/8 Nagpur 800 Swadeshi 170 Vishnu 810 Laxmi 318/12 New Great 268/12 Poddar 117 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 150 Bradbury 591/4 Surat Elc 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref) 153/12 (2nd Pref) 152/4 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 147/8 Walchandnagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 120 Baroda Glass 11/12

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Iron Steel 66/2 Bengal Steel 60 Indian Copper 6/8 B.I.C. 17/14 Burma Corporation 8/5 New Victoria 13/4 New Victoria Preference 13/8 Raja Preference 74 Phalton 156 Gold Mohar 490 New Kaiser Hind 602/8 Sajjan Mill 500 Osmanshahi 475 Aismashahi 485 Air Service 42 Birla Motors 14 Marshal 15/8

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Aug. 14.

The Bullion Market was fairly steady with a moderate business passing. At the rise there was active realising but the decline attracted short covering.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 166 and advanced at Rs 166/12 on moderate buying. The improvement attracted renewed selling and Silver declined at Rs. 164/8 but again steadied at Rs. 165/4. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 163/4

Trading in Gold commenced at Rs. 97 and on moderate support advanced at Rs. 97/12. At this level there was general selling and Gold declined at Rs. 96/4 but steadied at Rs. 96/12. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 96/2 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 64.

There was further selling and forward silver was quoted at Rs. 163/9 and ready silver at Rs. 163/9. Forward Gold quietened at Rs. 96/- and Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 95/12.

The market was quietly steady and finally closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Gold	95	4	0
Forward Gold	95	4	0
Sovereigns	63	8	0
Ready Silver	162	4	0
Forward Silver	163	4	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Aug. 14.

The local cotton market opened today at Rs. 461/8 for September delivery and declined at Rs. 450/12 under scattered selling. As this level there was moderate buying and September improved at Rs. 452. It appears that the Government will allow export of cotton below 11/16 inch. staple. The market believes that there will not be any change in ceiling and floor prices and the market remains undecided. The September delivery is coming to end and in the absence of trading in new crop months hedge sales are not likely to be lifted

Later on the market was depressed on general selling on reports that only 2 lakh bales will be allowed for export and no change in ceiling and floor quotations There was heavy liquidation and September contract dropped at Rs 446/8.

There was further heavy liquidation and September contract declined at Rs. 443/8 and steadied at Rs. 444. The Government in the Press note says about inflation but it is certain that the inflation is not the creation of cotton growers. The Government policy is detrimental to the economic condition of the country. Cotton growers will have to suffer and will have either to resort a policy of holding their crop or abandon cotton cultivation and thus give chance to imports of foreign cloth. It is a known fact that the spirit of Swadeshi saved the Indian textile industry but this industry is now making huge profits do not show any sympathy towards cotton growers by drastic reduction in cloth price.

The market declined further at Rs 441/8 on tired liquidation and steadied at Rs. 443/12. The market closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

I. C. C. September	442	0	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton September Contract is 1340 cent points below New York October at Exchange rate 331.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Aug. 14.

The local market was irregular today with increased selling in linseed and castorseeds It is believed that the British Food Ministry had not made any further purchases and exporters were quiet. Groundnuts were steady on reports of insect damage to the growing crop.

Groundnuts Khandesh quality G.I.P. stations were quoted at Rs. 25 Nizam State quality Rs. 24 and Latur Bold at Rs. 23/8 Groundnut Oil Bombay Mills Rs. 15/12 with good enquiry. Tank Wagon condition Rs. 14/14 and September delivery Rs. 15/- Castorseeds Rs. 24/10 Linseed Ready Rs 27/14 and August/September Rs. 27/13.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Aug. 14.

Tata Ordinary 635/8 Tata Deferred 3600 Indian Iron 66/2 Steel Corporation of Bengal 60 Bombay Dyeing 3247/8 Central India 523/2 Century 1250 Gokak 553/12 Kohinoor 1148/2 Simplex 572 Andhra Valley 2030 Tata Hydro 246/14. Tata Power 2130 Associated Cement 270/8 Belapur 356/14 Bombay Burma (Old) 897/8

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, August 14.

Coconuts Raw 165, Dry 205, Coconut Oil 635, Copra office 410, Dilpasand 470 Madrasnotam 500, Goodgooda 460 Pepper Wynaad 560, Country 550, Dryginger Chernad 360, Ernad 340, Coffee Robusta 83.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, Aug. 14.

MILLS.

Dyeing 3215 52/8 32/8 40 25 45 30 27/8 15 70 50 57/8 47/8
Central I. (Ord) 533 30 37 30/8 32 18 30 22
Central (Pref) 800
Colaba 500
David 246/4
Edward 940 35 40 35 37/8
Elphinstone (Ord) 130 31 29/8 30 28 28/8
Elphinstone (Pref) 150
Finlay 525 28 26 29 18 20 14 16 3 20 8
Gokak 566 61 68 57 61 49 57 54
India United (Defd) 5/15 6/1/6 6/0/6 6/2 6 6/2
India U. (Ord) 27 27/7 26/15 27/1 26/10 26/15 26/12
Indore 1035 40 16/4 27/8
Khatau 506/4
Kohinoor 1158 65 60 80 68 71 64 67 63 72 68 70 46 67 48
Laxmi 2115
Madhavji 26
Madhusudan 612/8 15
Mayer 361/4 62/8 57/8 58/12
Minerva 300
Morarji 1012/8 16/4 10
Mysore 382/8
New City 345 40
New Great 642 44 26 42 34
Podar 450 50 47/8
Rajabahadur 175 80 75
Sassoon Silk 164
Sassoon Cotton 40 40/8 39/8 40
Shrinivas 580 81/4 77/8 80
Simplex 600 596 99 82 92 87 87 79 81 65 85 70 72
Swadesbi 995 90 1001 992 87 92 95 75 90 81
Swan 536 34 35 25
Tata 134 33
Vishnu 840 35 42/8
G. I. P. Railway 108

BANKS.

Baroda 219 218/8
Central 149/8 49
Imperial (Old) 3290
India 275
International 51
Reserve 169/8
Union 21

U. Com. 131 32 31/8

ELEC. COS.

Ahmedabad 220
Andhra 2027/8 30
Tramway (Ord) 158/8 59 58 58/8 49/8 53 52
Tramway (Pref) 74/8 73 74 73/8
Hydro (Ord) 249 48
Power (Ord) 2145 35 40 27/8 30

INSURANCE.

New India 120/12 21 20
Vulcan 24/8
Bombay Steam 840 42/8 40
Scindia 57/8 58 57/10 57/12 56 56/14 56/10

STEEL COS.

Bengal Steel 61 59/12 60/4 60
I. Iron 66 65/12 66/4 65/4 65/8 65/6 66 65/10 66/8 66/2
Tata (Defd) 3575 3625 15 27/8 2/8 20 10 21/4 5 12/8 2/8 7/8 3585 3622/8 3600
Tata (Ord) 635 43 37 40 38/8 40 39 40 37/8 38/8 37/8 38/8 34 37 35/8 40 35/8
Tata (2nd Pref) 200 198/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 671/4 72/8 71/4
A. Cement 273 69/8 71/4 70 71 70 70/8
Belapur 358 62 56 58 57
Burma (Old) 907/8 5 20 5 900 892/8 902/8 897/8
Burma (New) 320 22/8 17/8 18/12
B. B. Petrol 7/10 7/6 7/7 7/5
I. Bleaching 261
I. I. Trust 143
P. Const. (Ord) 370 76 70 72 66 71 69
Shivrajpur 62/8 63 62/8
Tata Chemical 29/8 29/14 29/2
Tata Oil 129 31 30
Western India Watch 365 70 60 65 62/8
A.C.C. (New) 141/8 40 40/12 40/8
Alembic Chemical (Old) 408/12

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, August 13.

Bardana Ready Md. 61 Dw. 64 Asuj 62 Gulnar Ready 8 Maha 7/9/6 Wheat Control 10/4 Retail 11/7 Gram Control 8/3 Actual 13/4 Barley Control 7/3 Actual 10_12 Peas 10/10 Bejhur 11 Arhar 10 Urad 13/10 Moong 12 Gur 15 Shakkar 16 Mustardseed 16/12 Silver Bhadon opened 166/12 Highest 166/12 Lowest 162 Present 162/10 Asuj 161/10 Golal Bhadon 92/10 Highest 92/10 Lowest 89/4 Present 89/12 Asuj 84/2 Undertone Highly unsteady Hapur Stocks Wheat 408 Gram 3 Peas 44 Bejhar 35 Arhar 7 others 7 Khatties.

BANKERS' CLEARING

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 9-8-1946 were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 1,51,193
Amount of Cheques: Rs. .....75,57,88,866_13-1

GOVT. PRESS NOTE

Government have given the most careful consideration to a Cotton policy for the Season 1946-1917. The objectives of such a policy must be to conserve within India supplies of raw Cotton sufficient for the needs of the domestic Textile Industry and thereafter to allow the maximum exports commensurate with that primary aim. Furthermore, it is essential that inflationary trends are stopped. With these aims in view Government have decided.

(a) Firstly, that the ceiling prices shall be continued into 1946-1947 season and shall apply both to the current crop and to the crop marketed during 1946-1947;

(b) Secondly, for the period first September to 31st December 1946. cotton exports through trade channels will be allowed only to the extent of 2 lakh bales.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Aug. 13.

T. T.; London on:—

New York sellers 4.02_1/2, buyers 4.03_1/2, Madrid official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.02, buyers 4.04, Zurich sellers 17.34, buyers 17.36, Stockholm sellers 14.47 to 14.50.

DANGERS OF CHEAP MONEY POLICY

Dahanukar Urges Govt. To Take Steps To Stabilise Conditions

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Addressing the quarterly general meeting of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce today, Mr. Dahanukar criticised the policy of the Government of India for continued expansion of the currency which is today six times what it was in 1939-40 and suggested that efforts should be made to stabilise conditions.

The frequent stoppages of work caused by strikes and hartals handicap and all-round increase in the production so urgently needed today. The strike wave is sweeping all over the country—workers are demanding and obtaining increased wages to meet the high cost of living. Increased wages again find their way to market and help the upward movement of prices thus making the gap between demand and supply bigger. The only way to avert disaster and stop this crase of prices and wages is to increase production, to effectively administer controls, while they have to be maintained and to stamp out the black market and stabiliss conditions by halting the policy of cheap money.

Mr. Dahanukar referred to the note of warning sounded by President Truman. He observed that while the employers have to be sympathetic towards the workers, the workers on their part have also to recognize that better and steady work is a 'sine qua' non' on better conditions and higher wages. If the country is to have an expanding and progressive economy so vitally needed both so far as its immediate as well as future interests are concerned, its existing productive capacity ought to be increased.

NEED FOR IMPORTS

Mr. Dahanukar stressed the need for greater imports of capital goods, for more hard currency for same, and for simplification of the procedure for obtaining such imports and for release Dollars from the pool as the Anglo-American Loan Agreement is finally approved and has come into operation. An arrangement re: liquidation of the accumulated sterling balances of India should also be arrived at.

Scattered Liquidation And Hedging In New York Cotton Market

NEW YORK August 13, (UPA): Erratic prices and less active trading featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange.

The market opening off five to 53. The far forwards again were the weakest. New December dropped 2.65 dollars per bale to the 31.65 level where pressure slackened.

Widening inter-month differences brought switching between spot interest and trade and mill brokers and shippers.

The market strengthened and closed on a rally from the lows but the market was still off nine to 28 points net.

Talk of a cut in the export subsidy, the outlook for keener competition for textile markets from rayon and paper, the smaller July consumption estimate and expectations of greatly increased plantings next season were still dominant influences Nearby deliveries showed resistance due to the textile mills fixing prices at lower levels and the anticipation that the government weather report tomorrow will show crop deterioration

Deferred deliveries also steadied late on the theory that the selling export subsidy fears were over-exaggerated.

The market on forwards was thin and affected only small orders.

It was pointed out that only eight per cent of yesterday's volume was done in October and December, 1947, combined.

The Cotton Exchange estimated that domestic consumption of all cotton during July at 725,000 bales compared with the 793,000 bales consumed during June and the 673.000 the previous year. The decline in July use was attributed to mill shut-downs for repairs and inventory checking. Consumption for the current season is expected to reach 10,000,000 bales.

Further irregularity is expected until the market position is consolidated but eventually higher prices are expected with some quarters still confident that the 40 cent level for nearby deliveries will be reached before the new crop hedging movement gets underway in volume.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, August 13.

October	35.82—09
October highest	35.88—03
October lowest	35.61—30
December	35.85—15
January	35.87—17
March	35.60—20
May	35.26—23
July	34.90—10
October	32.17—18
December	31.97—21
Middling spot	36.66—07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

October	35.65—38
December	35.73—43
March	35.61—03
May	35.31+01
July	34.84—04
Middling spot	35.70—15

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

October	35.74
December	35.82
March	35.63

TROUBLED INDIA NO PLACE FOR STERLING ASSETS TALKS

Whitehall Awaits Stabilization Of Present Political Scene

LONDON, Aug. 8 (APA).—Britain will await stabilisation of troubled India's political scene before initiating any negotiations for the liquidation of India's Sterling balance, which totalled 1,280,000,000 pounds on June 14, an informed Whitehall source said today.

While no move has yet been made to liquidate Britain's debts to other sterling area countries apart from Portugal and Argentina, British Treasury officials plan to inaugurate discussions formally with the Dominions and Colonies followed by Egypt and Iraq and finally the non-Empire countries, in that order, by the Autumn, the source added.

Britain's total external liabilities on March 31, 1946, were given by Dr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, as 3,500,000,000 pounds. The source made it clear that postponement of negotiations with India did not mean that steps to conclude a financial agreement with that country will be delayed beyond the one-year time limit stipulated in the Anglo-American Loan Agreement.

"Conditions in India are so troubled, and the future is so uncertain that it is difficult to decide with whom to open negotiations," the informant added.

Moreover, in view of Britain's wish to scale down all her sterling liabilities, particularly with Empire countries, the present period of political deadlock was not the best time for the initiation of talks, he continued.

Neither a common solution nor a general conference with Britain's sterling creditors was contemplated, the informant said. Each agreement would be negotiated separately because of the circumstances which governed the accumulation of balances by the individual countries, he said.

He indicated that the general call to scale down the debts would be on the ground of equity, seeing that most of them were swollen by the inflated prices at which Britain had to incur local expenditure during the war.

A second call for individual countries to agree in the phrasing of liquidation is expected, he said.

Britain would ask the Dominions in particular to continue their import controls for several years, the source declared, adding that British economy depended in the immediate future on a policy of keeping the sterling area's dollar needs to "bare essentials."

WALL STREET MARKET VERY STEADY

NEW YORK, August 13, (Reuter).

Wall Street opened quite but steady. Steadiness prevailed during the morning session with Utilities and Rubber showing slight gains. The market closed at around the best levels of the day, as trading picked up slightly during the afternoon with the upswing extending to most sections, principally Steels, Motors, Stocks, Department Stores and Metals. Steels were paced by the continued high operating rate while liquors were buoyed by bumper grain prospects which should result in larger grain allocations for distillers. Although international developments are considered less satisfactory, the domestic news picture shows no material change from its recent more favourable tenor. Traders are paying considerable attention to price decontrol board hearings at the same time some encouragement is derived from the recent statement by the price administrator who declared that price increase called for by the new OPA legislation will be granted as quickly as possible The market closed very steady.

American Telephone and Telegraph 192-7/8; Amerex Corporation 40-1/4; Anaconda Copper Mining 47-3/4. Chase National Bank 43-1/2; Sinclair Oil 18-1/2; Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co., 73-1/4; General Electric Co., 46-5/8; General Motors 68-3/8; Interrol Rand 140; International Nickel 26-5/8; National City Bank of New York 29-3/8, New York Central Rail Road Co., 23-1/4; Socony Vacuum Corporation 18-1/8; Texas Corporation 67-3/4; Union Carbon and Carbide 112-1/4. U. S. Smelting refining mining Co. 59-1/2 bid; U. S. Steel Corporation (common) 91-1/4; Western Union Telegraph 34-1/2.

Chicago Grains

CHICAGO, Aug. 13, (UPA): On the Chicago Commodity Exchange today, corn and oats weakened at the close of the trading session due to liquidation because of further beneficial rains in the corn belt and fears that the decontrol board will relinquish controls until the new corn crop is harvested.

Wheat trading in Minneapolis and Kansas City was dull and featureless.

Government purchases of cash wheat were reported at 7,066 000 bushels.

Worth Street Market

NEW YORK, August 13, (UPA): The Worth Street market marked time today watching the erratic movement of raw cotton prices while waiting to learn the compensation allowed for producers for wage increases.

Criticism increased over the policy of basing prices on the month to month change in raw cotton. Some observers feel that the existing market dullness is due to this policy.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Aug. 13.

	£
Rupee Paper 3_1/2 pc	76-1/4
Consols 2-1/2 pc	96-15/16
Conversion Loan 3_1/2 pc 1961	112-3/16
War Loan 3_1/2 pc 1952 and after	106-7/8
Funding Loan 4 pc 1960/90	118-7/16
Victory Bonds 4 pc	118
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	15-3/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Regd.)	89-1/2
National Bank of India	37-1/4

NEW YORK SILVER.

New York, Aug. 13.

United States price of Foreign Silver 90_1/8 cents.

LONDON BULLION.

London, Aug. 13.

Silver Spot and Forward 56-1/2 pence. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Aug. 13.

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe (new) unquoted, Australian Wheat (bulk) 71 Aug.-Sept. quoted, Australian Wheat (bags) unquoted.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 for the week ended the 9th day of August 1946.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	34,18,97,000
Notes in circulation	12,21,21,81,000
Total Notes issued	12,55,40,78,000
Total Liabilities	12,55,40,78,000

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:	
(a) Held in India	44,41,65,000
(b) Held outside India	
Sterling Securities	11,35,32,59,000
Total of A	11,79,74,24,000
B. Rupee Coin	17,82,24,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	57,84,10,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	
Total Assets	12,55,40,78,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities:	93.9/3 per cent.

Dated the 14th day of August 1946.

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 9th August, 1946.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government of India	4,93,16,31,000
(2) Government of Burma	70,87,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	23,54,94,000
(b) Banks	83,55,16,000
(c) Others	8,20,51,000
Bills Payable	4,13,96,000
Other Liabilities	10,97,20,000
Rupees	6,34,56,97,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	34,18,97,000
Rupee Coin	27,96,000
Subsidiary Coin	2,37,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	
(b) External	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	62,46,000
Balances held abroad	5,63 43,70,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	
Other Loans and Advances	5,75,000
Investments	16,87,58,000
Other Assets	19,10,18,000
Rupees	6 34,56,97,000

Position Of Scheduled Banks

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Statement of the position of sch duled banks as at the close of business on the 2nd August

Demand Liabilities in India	7,28,01,21,000
Time Liabilities in India	3,15,12,23,000
Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	37,65,61,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	2,80,00,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	80,23,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	29,46,10,000
Advances in India	3,77,90,55 000
Bills discounted in India	17,84,77,000

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 13th August Total amount offered was Rs. 1,32,50,000 Tenders at Rs. 99/14/3 were accepted in full. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,32,50,000 the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0/7/0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received at all centres on Wednesday, the 21st August upto 11 a.m. Successful tenderers should make payment on Saturday, the 24th August.

During the week-ended the 9th August, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 3,70,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Street Sweeper-Congressman Dead

ROCHESTER, (Minnesota), Aug. 13, (UPA): William J. Gallagher, 71-year-old former street sweeper who was elected to Congress in 1944, died here today.

NEW DELHI, Aug. 13, (A. P. I.): "I trust the project of the National War Academy will receive the wholehearted support of the Indian nation", said Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru, member of the Council of State and a member of the Defence Consultative Committee, after he had examined the progress made towards the establishment of the Academy.

DISPOSALS

FACTORY FOR SALE

The Director General of Disposals (C.P. & M. Directorate), New Delhi, invites sealed tenders for the purchase of:—

THE RAMPUR SHADOW FACTORY (EAST & WEST BLOCKS BUILDINGS ONLY) AT RAMPUR, RAMPUR STATE.

The land occupied by the Factory belongs to Rampur State, who are willing to lease or sell it to the buyer, provided the factory will not be utilised for any industry which would cut across the existing monopolies in the State e.g. Sugar Mill, Engineering Workshop etc.

This is tender No. DGD/SR-40001-SR-40002 CPM-IV due on September 5, 1946. Offers should be sent to the Directorate General of Disposals, New Delhi, and should remain open for acceptance up to 30 September 1946.

Earnest Money amounting to Rs. 10,000/- must be deposited in the Imperial Reserve Bank/Government Treasury in favour of Directorate General of Disposals, New Delhi.

Tender forms giving details of the Buildings available for disposal together with permits to view the buildings of the Factory can be obtained from the Directorate General of Disposals, New Delhi on payment of Rs. 5/- in cash or by money order.

Successful tenderers will be required to deposit 10% of the sale value in one of the approved forms as security for due performance of contract. Possession should be taken within 30 days from the receipt of acceptance of offer. Sales will be subject to conditions laid down in Form Con. 117.

AUCTION

Auction fixed at Sassoon Dock, Colaba, Bombay for sale of furniture postponed to 22nd August 1946.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DISPOSALS

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Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

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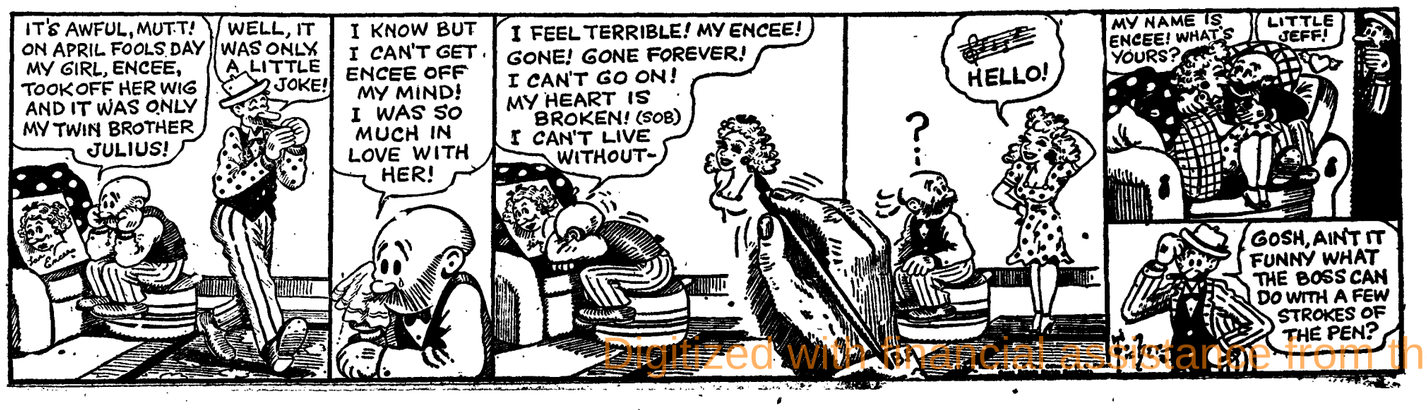
By BUD FISHER


IT'S AWFUL, MUTT! ON APRIL FOOLS DAY MY GIRL, ENCEE, TOOK OFF HER WIG AND IT WAS ONLY MY TWIN BROTHER JULIUS!
WELL, IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE JOKE!
I KNOW BUT I CAN'T GET ENCEE OFF MY MIND! I WAS SO MUCH IN LOVE WITH HER!
I FEEL TERRIBLE! MY ENCEE! GONE! GONE FOREVER! I CAN'T GO ON! MY HEART IS BROKEN! (SOB) I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT-
HELLO!
?
MY NAME IS ENCEE! WHAT'S YOURS?
LITTLE JEFF!
GOSH, AIN'T IT FUNNY WHAT THE BOSS CAN DO WITH A FEW STROKES OF THE PEN?

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Wanted a Cashier/Accountant on Rs. 200 to Rs. 300 per month for a well-established Limited Company, dealing in Finance. Only those who are in sound financial position to give cash security, need apply to Post Bag No. 1028, Bombay No. 1. (3096)

Expert Wanted for manufacturing all kinds of paints, varnishes and enamels of high quality on a large scale for a new company in S. India. Only men with years of practical experience in the line need apply stating salary required to Box 9316A, "Bombay Chronicle."

Required Storekeepers and Store Clerks possessing experience of store keeping in large engineering firms. Must be a Matriculate. Apply with testimonials to the Chief Engineer, Tata Air Lines, Santa Cruz Aerodrome, Santa Cruz, Bombay. 9317

Wanted immediately one good Shorthand Typist and one good fast Typist. Apply with full details of qualifications, address and minimum salary expected to Assistant Private Secretary Palanpur, 16, Bund Garden Road, Poona. (9258)

Wanted experienced Steno-Typists. See the Manager, Indian Hume Pipe Co. Ltd., Construction House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, immediately between 3 and 5 p.m. 9297

Experienced Accounts Clerk for Officer's Mess Office in Hill Station. Reference for last 10 years required. Salary Rs. 70. Further details on application. Reply Box No. 9310, "Bombay Chronicle."

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted two to three room block for family. Bombay or Suburbs. Apply John, Accountant, Clothing Factory, Mahaluxmi. (3092)

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Admissions—Davar's College of Commerce—Enrol for Professional Diploma Courses, viz., Company Secretarial, Bank Officers, Accountants and General Commerce. Tuition personal or postal. Call or write for prospectus, 51, Esplanade Road. (3095)

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Vitamins. Adovit Tablets—A combination of Vitamin A & D. Best for growing babe and vigorous adolescent. A boon to nursing mothers. Obtainable from your chemist or from Tablets Limited, Madras. Also at 11 Western India House, Fort, Bombay. (9187)

BUSINESS OFFERS

Business Expansion—Firms or Individuals desirous of establishing concerns under Companies Act for carrying on the business of industrialists, Road and Rail transport, Mining, Electric Power Suppliers, Manufacturers, Merchants, Contractors, etc., in an Indian State, may immediately apply to: Box No. 3078, "Bombay Chronicle."

BUSINESS WANTED

Willing to purchase running business concern of any kind (business house and manufacturing Co.) upto any amount, Interested parties communicate to Box No. 2992, "Bombay Chronicle."

MACHINERY WANTED

New machines for manufacturing paints, varnishes, and enamels on a large scale. Send catalogues and price lists to Box 9316, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted—35 to 50 tons Steam driven complete Ice Plant or only ammonia compressors. Give details. Box No. 3077, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Cinema Talkie equipment new or second-hand for an out station, complete with 7 K. W. generating set, and accessories. Please apply to Box No. 3090, "Bombay Chronicle."

MACHINERIES FOR SALE

For Sale—Jigger Machines, Three Cast Iron side plates, 60" draw rollers. Three—Wooden side, 60" draw rollers. Correspond with Box No. 9296, "Bombay Chronicle."

RADIO FOR SALE

New all wave radio sets have arrived. Come and select your requirements from the Chicago Telephone and Radio Co., Ltd. 127 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Post Box 1312, Bombay 1. Calcutta, Lucknow, Lahore, New Delhi. (8153)

LOANS & MORTGAGES

We give immediate loans from one hundred to five thousand Commercial and Industrial Corporation, 321, V. Patel Road, Bombay No. 4 (3097)

AGENTS WANTED

Importers and manufacturers wishing appoint Agents or representatives in Northern India, please write to Manmohanlal & Coy., Post Box 43, New Delhi. (3076)

MISCELLANEOUS

A Gujarati Graduate, with many Customers, wants to join as subbroker with Share, Cotton, Bullion Broker or Commission Agent. Write Post Box 3530, Bombay. (3094)

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Want to purchase Precipitated Chalk (Indian or Foreign) in Wagon Loads. Please write to A. K. Industries Ltd., 8, Ram Mohan Roy Road, Calcutta. (9289)

PUBLIC NOTICES

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY
METRE GAUGE AIR CONDITIONED COACHES

WITH EFFECT from THURSDAY, August 15th, the running of this Railway's Metre Gauge air conditioned coaches on the Sind-Delhi Mail between Ahmedabad and Hyderabad (Sind) will cease and additional services between Ahmedabad and Delhi will be inaugurated. The new services will be as follows:—

With effect from August 15th from Ahmedabad and four times weekly thereafter on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. With effect from August 16th from Delhi and four times weekly thereafter on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The running of these coaches is subject to cancellation without previous notice.

Accommodation in the air conditioned coaches may be reserved three months in advance at Ahmedabad and Delhi Stations. In the case of the Booking Office, B B. & C.I. Railway Headquarter Office, Bombay, accommodation may be reserved 10 days in advance. Passengers desirous of reserving accommodation from intermediate stations should apply to the nearest Station Master who will issue tickets after first ascertaining if such accommodation is available.

9320

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SIXTH LOCAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Imperial Bank of India on the Branch Register of Shareholders kept at the Bombay Local Head Office of the Bank will be held at the Bombay Local Head Office, Apollo Street, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 26th day of August, 1946, at 4 P.M. (Standard Time) for the purpose of electing two persons to be members of the Local Board to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Messrs. R. C. Giles and Neville N. Wadia who go out of office at such Meeting but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

By Order,
A. POOLE,
Offg. Secretary & Treasurer,
Bombay.
Bombay, 18th July, 1946.

9193

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD (DIVISION III)

Office of the Chief Director of Purchase
Jamnagar House, New Delhi.
TENDER NOTICE

SUBJECT:—DISPOSAL OF AMERICAN MILK PRODUCTS.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of American Milk Products. These stores are lying at USASS Depots Balijan, Chabua, Delhi, Kalaikundi, Karachi, Ledo, Northbrook and Tezgaon.

Particulars of quantities, etc., can be obtained by bona-fide intending purchasers from the office of the Chief Director of Purchase on or before 25th August, 1946.

Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. on Monday, the 26th August, 1946, in a sealed cover marked "Tender for American Milk Products due on 26th August, 1946."

Offers should remain open upto midnight 26th September, 1946.

The goods will be sold on a "Said to contain basis" and subject to the general terms and conditions of contract (Form FDM 70), obtainable from the Chief Director of Purchase.

Samples of every brand are not at present available, but as far as possible intending purchasers will be given all available information regarding each brand. Successful tenderers will be given every opportunity to inspect bulk stocks before taking delivery.

Earnest money calculated at 5 per cent of the total cost offered will accompany each offer in the form of a Government treasury receipt or a Reserve Bank of India Draft or Deposit Bank Call Receipt of any schedule Bank in favour of Chief Director of Purchase and classified under the head "Revenue Deposits" if deposited in a Government treasury. Earnest money will be liable to be forfeited if the tenderer resiles from his offer.

Tenders will be considered only for entire quantities of all or any brands available. Tenderers must mention whether packs other than those quoted by them would be acceptable.

Delivery of Milk Products will be ex-site where lying and the purchaser will be responsible for removal including movement by rail or road or sea from depots to destinations. Government will only afford assistance for movement to the extent feasible.

All losses arising from any cause after stores have been taken over by the purchaser ex-depots will be at his risk and expense.

Any tax or duty which may be leviable by the local or Provincial authorities, etc., on the stocks sold shall be payable by the purchaser before or after delivery is taken under local excise rules. Import duty will be paid by Government.

The Chief Director of Purchase reserves the right to accept or refuse, without assigning any reason whatsoever, the whole or any portion of an offer.

Late offers or those which do not give particulars asked for or do not in any way conform to the above conditions WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Sales by tender are not subject to any trade discount.

9300

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Available for Sales, Eastern Electric Fans, Eagle Hornes, Cycle spare parts. Gamandra Sales, Nawab Mansion, Gunbow Street, Fort, Bombay. 2598

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE B. E. S. & T. CO., LTD.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

As a large section of our traffic staff have advised us that they will not present themselves for duty on 16th August, in which case the Company regrets its inability to operate normal services. The Company, however, will do its best to operate such services as possible.

The co-operation of the public is invited to prevent overloading as this is having a very adverse effect on the condition of its Rolling stock.

Transfer tickets will be allowed wherever practicable.

Bombay, 14th August, 1946. TRAFFIC MANAGER.

(9330)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

CONVERSION
of 3½ per cent.
NON-TERMINABLE LOANS

FROM THE 15TH AUGUST 1946 TO THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 1946.

(both days inclusive)

Holders of

(1) 3½ Per cent. Loan of 1842-43,
(2) 3½ Per Cent. Loan of 1854-55,
(3) 3½ Per Cent. Loan of 1865,
(4) 3½ Per Cent. Loan of 1879 and
(5) 3½ Per Cent. Loan of 1900-1

(Notified for discharge vide Government Notification No. D/4766-B/46 dated the 24th May, 1946).

will have the option of converting their holdings at par into

(1) 3 Per Cent. Conversion Loan of 1946—
Issue price Rs. 100 per Rs. 100 (Nominal)
or

(2) 2¾ Per Cent. Loan 1976—
Issue price Rs. 99 per Rs. 100 (Nominal)

The 3% Conversion Loan of 1946 is not redeemable before the 16th September 1986 and the investor is guaranteed the rate of interest at 3% for forty years.

Applications will be received at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras, at branches of the Imperial Bank of India at other places in India and at all Government Treasuries.

For full particulars apply to any of these offices, branches or treasuries.

Issued by Finance Department, Government of India, New Delhi.

8915 AC-78

G.I.P. RAILWAY—TENDERS.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites Tenders for Printing, Binding and Supplying the Cash Memo Books and GD. 1 Registers. Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay No. 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 2-9-1946 at 3 P.M. (S.T.)

(9292)

G.I.P. RAILWAY

NOTICE.

A RACE SPECIAL TRAIN providing limited accommodation for I, II and III class passengers will run from Bombay to Poona and back on Saturday, August the 17th and Tuesday, August the 20th 1946. The timings for the train from Bombay will be as previously notified, but in deference to public requests the return train will leave Poona 15 minutes later and will run to the following timings:

Poona	Dep.	19|35 hrs.
Dadar	Arr.	22|29 ,,
Byculla	Arr.	22|38 ,,
Bombay V.T.	Arr.	22|50 ,,

Upper class tickets and reservation tickets for these trains will be issued from 10 o'clock, a. m. on Friday the 16th and Monday the 19th August respectively. III class tickets will be issued from the Upper Class Booking Office at Victoria Terminus from 8 hours on 17th and 20th August respectively. Other arrangements will be as previously notified. These trains will not run in the event of the Races being cancelled on either day.

In consequence of the later running of the return Race Special, No. 22 Up Passenger Train will leave Poona at 19|40 hours on Race Days and will run 10 minutes later throughout arriving Victoria Terminus at 0|20 hours.

(9332)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pol. No. 43863 issued by the Bombay Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd., on the life of Mr. Dhirajlal Bhimbhai Desai usually residing at Navsari but resided at the time of his death on 5-6-45 at Miraj, is reported to be STOLEN, MISLAID or LOST. Any person having any interest whatsoever in the abovementioned Policy should communicate immediately to the Society's Head Office. If no objection with relative Proof is filed with the undersigned within one month of this date, the claim amount payable under the said Policy will be paid to Mr. Acharatlal Dhirajlal Desai, the succession certificate holder.

For the Bombay Mutual Life Assurance Society Ltd.,
T. C. KAPUR,
Manager.

Dated 7th August, 1946. (3007)

G. I. P. RAILWAY NOTICE
BOMBAY-POONA TRAIN SERVICE

ADDITIONAL EXPRESS TRAINS, carrying I, II and III class passengers (including a restaurant car for upper class passengers) will be run between Bombay and Poona as follows:—

FROM BOMBAY TO POONA ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH 1946

Bombay V. T.	Dep.	16 35 hrs.
Lonavla	Arr.	18 33 hrs.
Kirkee	Arr.	19 24 hrs.
Poona	Arr.	19 35 hrs.

Upper class tickets and reservation tickets for this train will be issued from 10 hrs. on Thursday, the 15th August, 1946.

FROM POONA TO BOMBAY ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1946

Poona	Dep.	8 20 hrs.
Kirkee	Dep.	8 28 hrs.
Lonavla	Dep.	9 18 hrs.
Khandala	Dep.	9 28 hrs.
Kalyan	Arr.	10 44 hrs.
Dadar	Arr.	11 17 hrs.
Bombay V. T	Arr.	11 40 hrs.

(9326)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

IT IS NOTIFIED that the business of the Mandvi Branch of the Bank was resumed at its premises at Abdul Rehman Street, Mandvi, on the 13th August, 1946. The business of the Sandhurst Road Branch will be resumed at its premises at Sandhurst Road on the 19th August, 1946.

A. POOLE.
Offg: Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 13th August, 1946.

(9324)

M. & S. M. RAILWAY—TENDER.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, M. & S. M. Railway, Park Town, Madras, invites sealed tenders for "Stone Ballasting Gadag-Sholapur Branch from mile 87.25 to 130.95 in connection with the work "Relaying with 50 lbs. 'R' F. F. rails on wooden sleepers in lieu of existing 41¼ lbs. rails on steel sleepers."

Tender forms which schedule of rates, giving full particulars of the work, Instructions to Parties Tendering and conditions of Contract can be obtained on application to the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 10|- each, which will not be refundable.

Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500|- and intending tenderers should send samples of ballast from specified quarries, along with the tender to the Chief Engineer.

Tenders should be superscribed "STONE BALLASTING GADAG-SHOLAPUR BRANCH" and submitted so as to reach the Chief Engineer, not later than 12 noon on Wednesday the 4th September, 1946.

(9291)

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IT IS ANTICIPATED that during the Poona Season and particularly when Race Meetings take place at Poona, many persons will desire to travel between Bombay and Poona. This year, the G. I. P. Railway proposes to run a Race Special between Bombay and Poona, on race days, providing limited accommodation for I, II and III class passengers (including a dining car for upper class passengers), to the following timings:—

Bombay V. T.	Dep.	9-35 hrs.
Poona	Arr.	12-45 hrs.
Poona	Dep.	19-35 hrs.
Dadar	Arr.	22-29 hrs.
Byculla	Arr.	22-38 hrs.
Bombay V. T.	Arr.	22-50 hrs.

It is regretted, however, that the railway's resources of coaching vehicles are still extremely limited and it may not be possible to provide accommodation for all who desire to travel between Bombay and Poona.

The following arrangements will be made by the G. I. P. Railway for the regulation of traffic:

(1) Return tickets for all classes will be issued from Bombay to Poona at two single journey fares. These tickets will be sold on each Race Day and the day previous thereto, and will be available for completion of the return journey for 4 days from the date of issue. These tickets will NOT be available by the Race Special.

(2) Special return tickets for all classes will also be issued from Bombay to Poona at two single journey fares which will only be available for travel in the Race Special in both directions. No refund will be granted on unused Race Special tickets except in the event of the Races being cancelled.

(3) Passengers travelling by the Race Special who do not hold Race Special tickets, and passengers holding Race Special tickets who travel by other trains, will be treated as travelling without tickets.

(4) Upper class tickets and reservation tickets for 19 Down Poona Express and the Race Special leaving Bombay on race days, and 47 Down leaving Bombay the day previous to each race day, will be issued from 10 o'clock a.m. on the date before that on which tickets are to be used. Tickets for III class passengers by the Race Special will be issued in the Upper Class Booking Office at Victoria Terminus commencing at 8-0 hours on race days.

(5) Not more than 2 tickets will be sold to any individual, nor more than 2 seats reserved at any one time by the following trains:

47 Down Deccan Queen on days previous to race days.

19 Down & 20 Up Poona Expresses and the Race Special on race days.

48 Up Deccan Queen on Mondays and when mid-week races are held on the days following such races.

(6) No platform tickets will be issued for 19 Down Poona Express. 33 Down Poona Passenger and the Race Special on race days, and for 47 Down Deccan Queen and 3 Down Poona Mail on the day previous to each race day. Only passengers holding journey tickets and also reservation tickets in the case of I & II class passengers will be admitted to the platform from which these trains depart from Victoria Terminus.

(7) On race days No. 22 Up passenger train will leave Poona at 19-40 hours instead of 17 hours and will arrive at Victoria Terminus at 0-20 hours. A dining car will be attached to this train and no Buffet Car or Restaurant Car will run on 20 Up Poona Express on race days.

(8) Upper class passengers may reserve their seats for the return journey by the Race Special at Bombay when they purchase their tickets and make reservations for the outward journey.

(9) No. 19 Down Poona Express will not stop at Dadar on race days.

(9322)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a Visiting Lecturer in Interior Decoration (Designing) in the Commercial Art Section of the Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay, for the Session 1946-47, from 1st September, 1946 on an honorarium of Rs. 10/- per visit. The applicants for the post should possess a good general education and practical experience of the subject in lecturing and demonstration.

Applicants should state their full name, address, age and qualifications. Applications with copies of testimonials should reach the Director, Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay not later than 24th August, 1946.

(9325)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES

Office of the Textile Commissioner, BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

No. PC2-2(6)

Dated the 10th August, 1946.

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that payment against all contracts placed after the 31st July 1946 by the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, will be made by the Controller of Supply Accounts, New Delhi.

The Controller of Supply Accounts, Bombay, would continue to make payment even after 1st August 1946 in respect of contracts placed by the Textile Commissioner before 1st August 1946.

(9328)

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 20th August, 1946, that day being a Public Holiday (GOKUL ASHTAMI) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

A POOLE,
Offg: Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 9th August, 1946.

(9323)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following temporary posts in the Civil Supplies Department of the Government of Bombay:

INSPECTORS:—
(1) Qualifications: Graduates or
(2) Matriculates with at least two years' experience in Government service or in trade and Bombay Province Domicile.

Candidates claiming two years' service or experience will have to produce at the time of interview, certificates of service or experience from the head of their department or firm. They will also have to produce certificates and testimonials in original.

SCALE OF PAY:
Rs. 100-5-125 plus Rs. 12½ conveyance allowance plus Dearness Allowance as admissible under the rules.

CLERKS:—
QUALIFICATIONS: Matriculation and Bombay Province Domicile.
SCALE OF PAY: Rs. 50-5-2-90 plus Dearness Allowance as admissible under the rules.

Preference will be given to the qualified candidates of Scheduled Classes.

Applications may be brought in person or sent so as to reach the undersigned at the Bombay Secretariat, Ground Floor, not later than 20th August 1946.

R. R. RANA,
Establishment Officer,
Civil Supplies Department,
Bombay.

(9331)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Misc. No. 127 of 1946

In the matter of the Indian Insurance Act IV of 1938
And
In the matter of the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913
And
In the matter of the Independent Provident Insurance Co., Ltd.
The Superintendent of Insurance ..... Petitioner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the winding up of the above Company by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay was on the 9th day of August, 1946, presented to the said High Court on behalf of the Petitioner abovenamed and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable the Judge hearing Company matters on the 13th day of September, 1946 and any Creditor or Contributory of the Company desiring to oppose the making of the order for winding up of the said Company under the above Acts should appear at the time of the hearing by himself or by his counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

Bombay, dated this 10th day of August, 1946.

D. P. SETHNA.
Petitioner's Attorney.
Solicitor to the Central Government at Bombay.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs. JOANNA MARY D'SOUZA and Mrs. ROMANIA CLARINA MIRANDA, the Surviving Administratrices of the estate of the late Jao Braz Dias of Irla have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, lease, lien, charge or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Cama Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situated in the Khoti Village of Irla in Vile Parle, South Salsette Taluka, Bombay Suburban District, Registration Sub-District Bandra and bearing Survey No. 229 Hissa No. 2 Area 1-14¾ Gunthas and assessment Rs. 2-9-0. Survey No. 229, Hissa No. 9, area 3 Gunthas and Survey No. 231, Hissa No. 1, area 5 Gunthas.

Dated this 14th day of August, 1946.

HIRALAL M. MEHTA & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.

(9327)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE STORES.

Under instructions from the Municipal Commissioner, Bombay Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will TOMORROW THURSDAY, the 15th August, 1946 at 3 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at Chinchpokli, Central Stores about 5 tons Manganese Steel scrap, about 7 tons C. I. box scrap, about 65 tons C. I. pipe scrap, about 50 cwts. C. I. port scrap, spanners, rakes, powras, drums, buckets, barrels, Kerosene tins, water meters, gunny bags, E. goods, flushing tanks, etc.

Terms: 50 per cent Cash deposit.

BONA-FIDE SALE

Under instructions from the Administratrix and administrators of the estate of late Mr. K. R. Vacha, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will on Tuesday, the 20th August 1946 at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at Yogesh Bhuvan 1st floor, 31, Hughes Road, opp. Caltex Petrol Pump a big lot of curios such as satsuma and China Vases, inlaid and ivory figures, Kashmir silver boat, 1000 coloured stone figure plate, ebony wood figures, Kashmir carved screen describing Mughal dynasty marble top inlaid table, Parisian figures, majolica flower pots, bronze figures, Venetian bowl, chandeliers, furniture such as sofa, cabinets, chairs, teapoys, paintings etc.

On view from 9 to 12 and 3 to 7 p.m.

Terms: Cash, cheques will not be accepted.

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